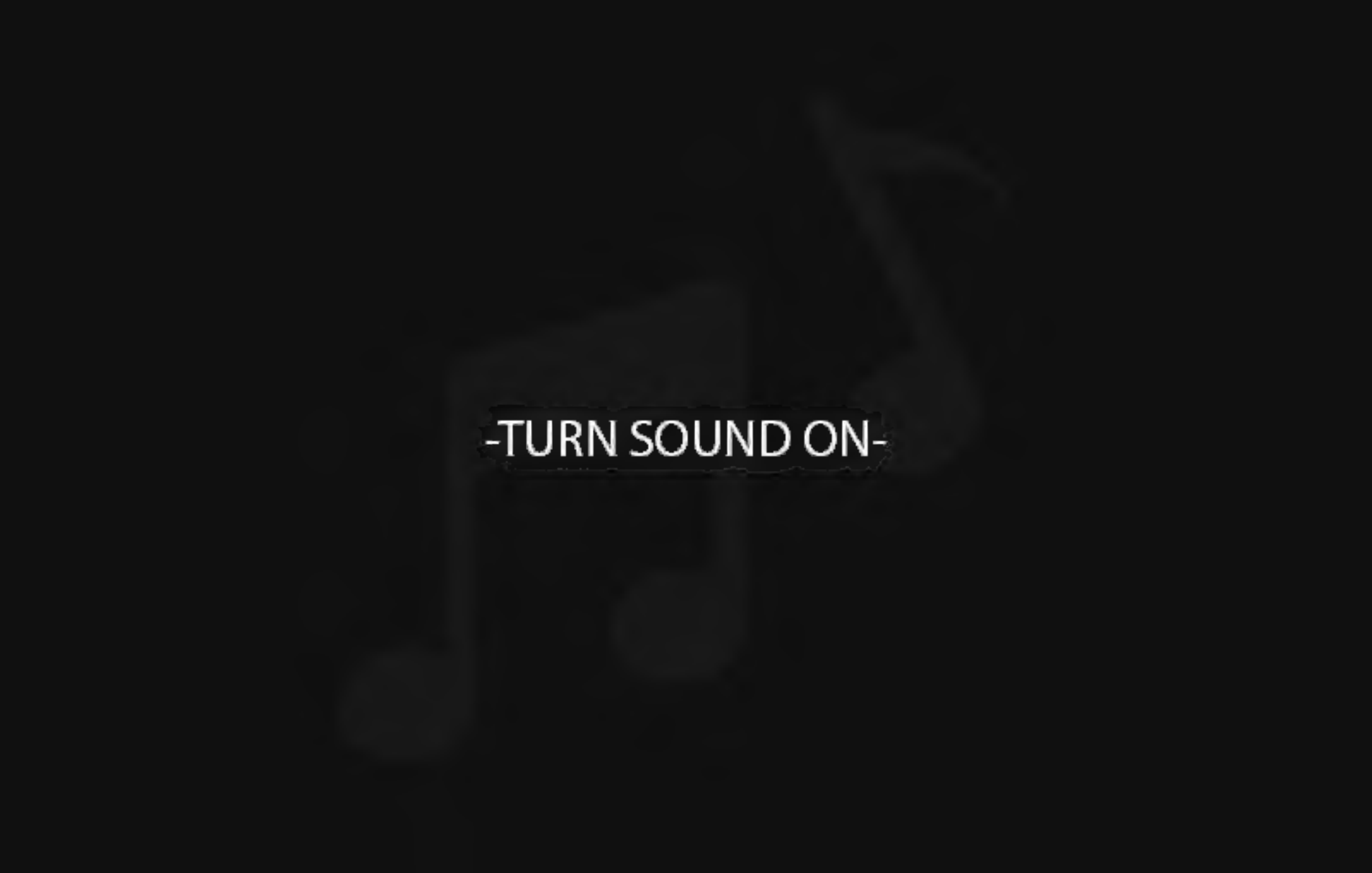
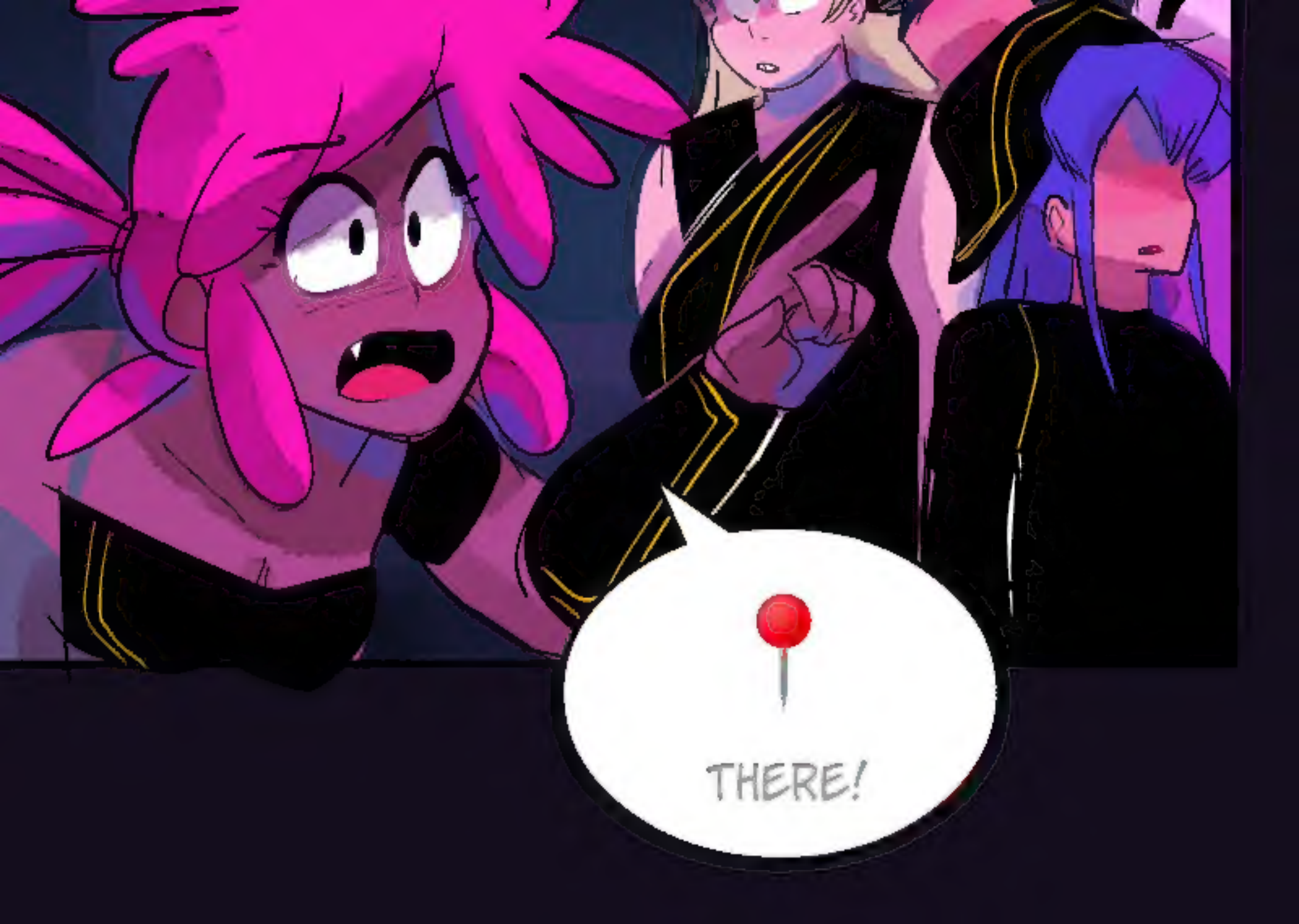
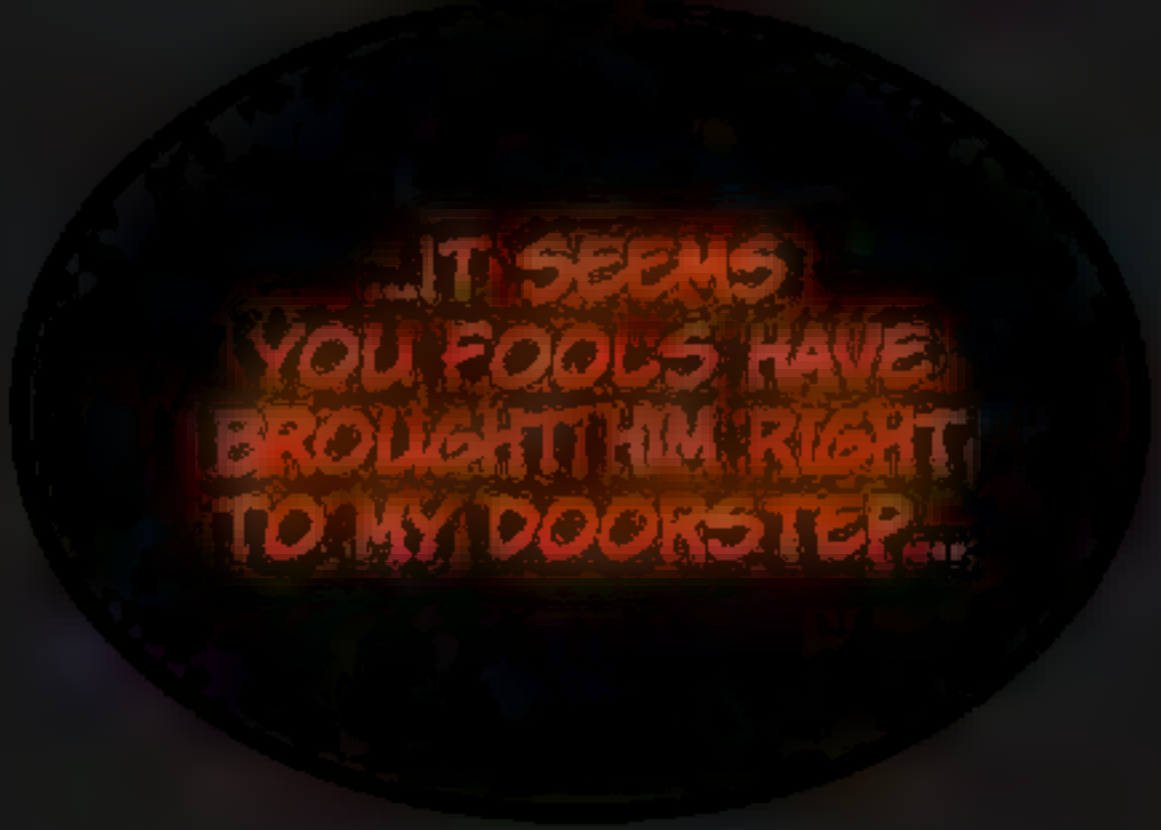

-TURN SOUND ON-

THIS IS
SO CREEPY.
IT FEELS LIKE
A TOMB.

DON'T WORRY. GHOSTS ARE PROBABLY THE ONLY THING WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT.

I CAN SENSE SOMETHING COMING CLOSER.
HUH? WHERE?


THERE!


...IT SEEMS
YOU FOOLS HAVE
BROUGHT HIM RIGHT
TO MY DOORSTEP...

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"SINGULARITY"

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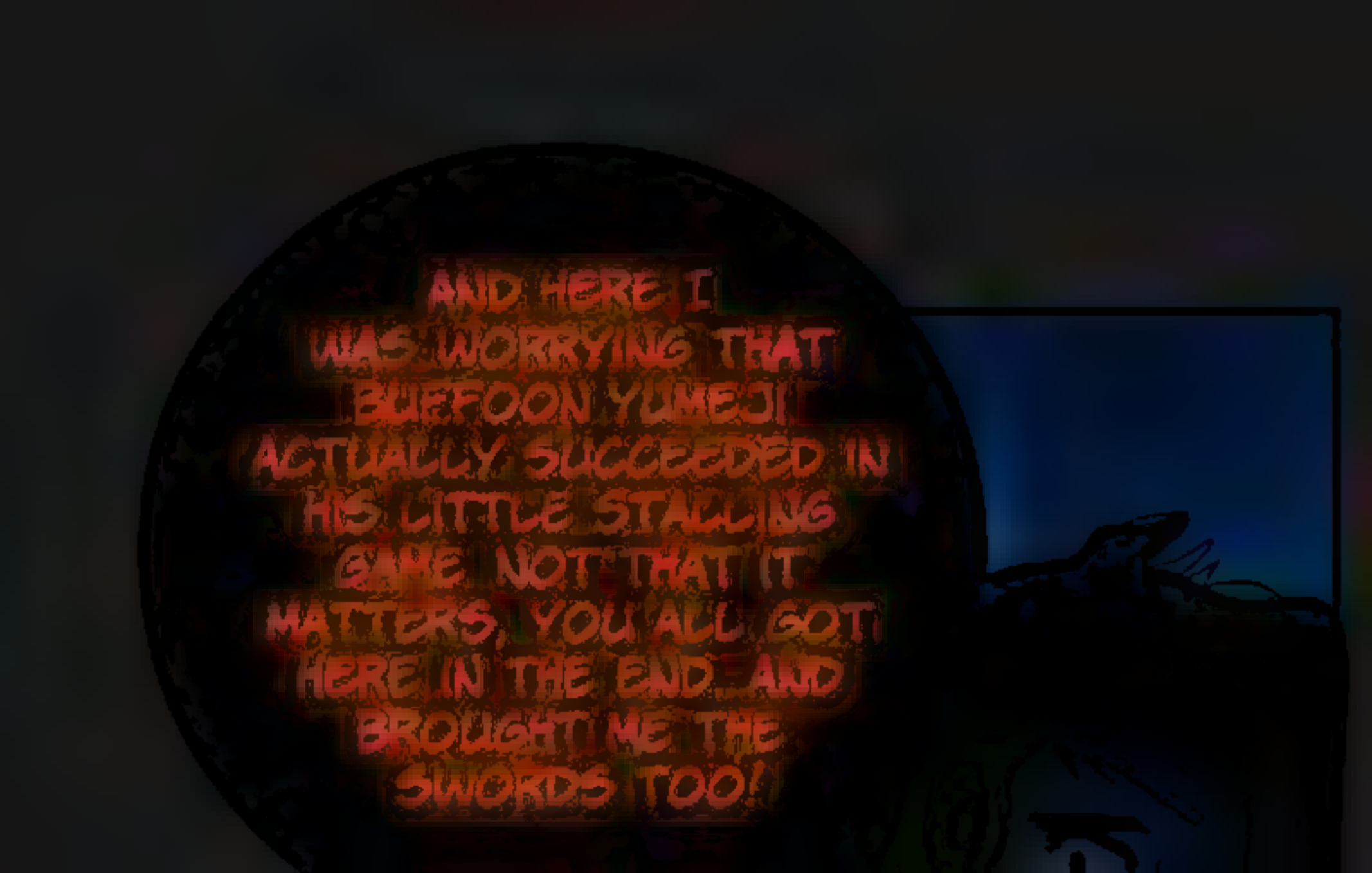
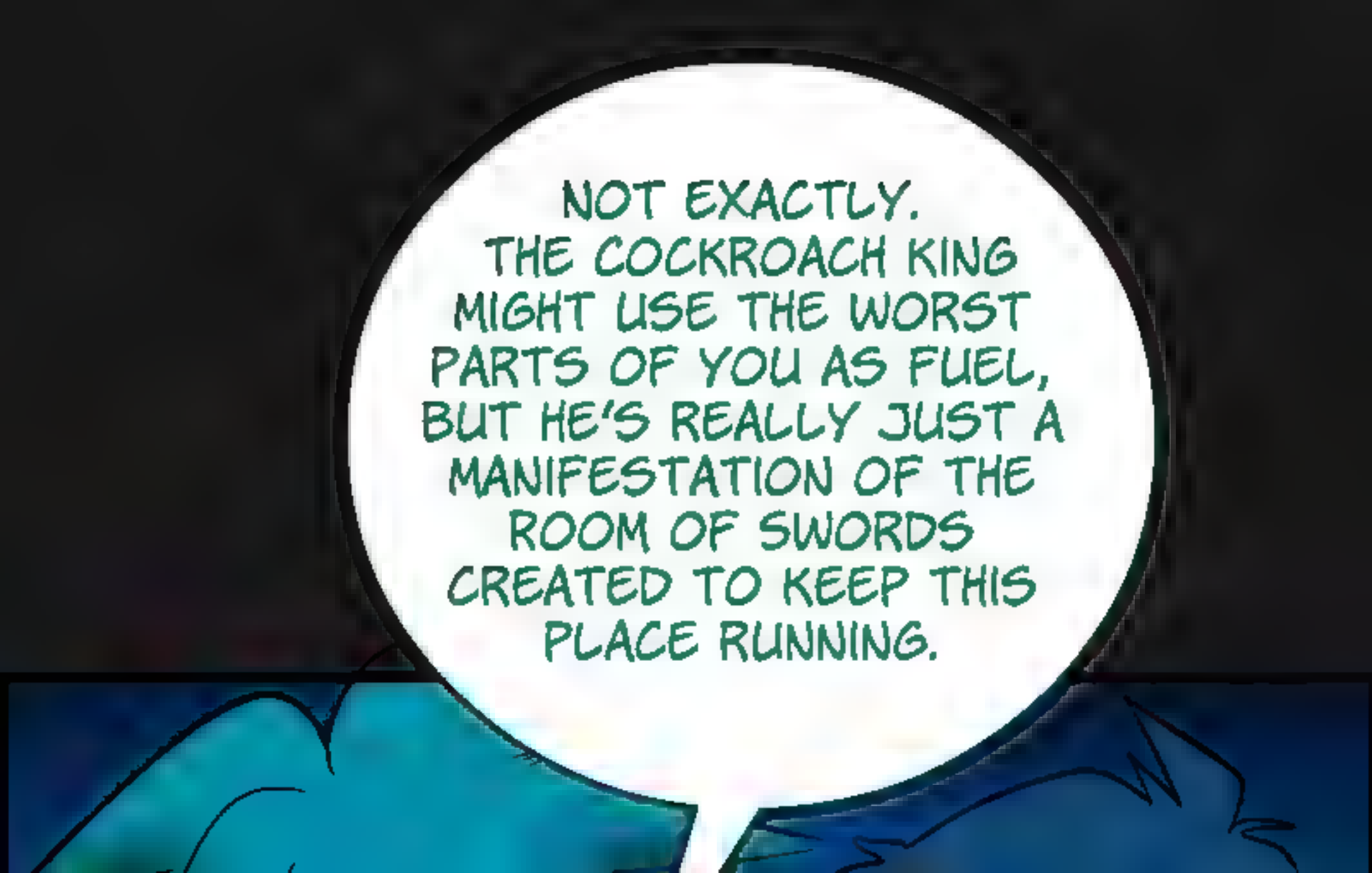

AND HERE I WAS WORRYING THAT BUFFOON YUMEJI ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN HIS LITTLE STALLING GAME NOT THAT IT MATTERS, YOU ALL GOT HERE IN THE END AND BROUGHT ME THE SWORDS TOO!

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

HALF HIS FACE IS A BUG. IS THAT NORMAL?
I THINK IT'S JUST

THE MASK.
THAT VOICE... HE REALLY IS ME.


NOT EXACTLY.
THE COCKROACH KING MIGHT USE THE WORST PARTS OF YOU AS FUEL, BUT HE'S REALLY JUST A MANIFESTATION OF THE ROOM OF SWORDS CREATED TO KEEP THIS PLACE RUNNING.

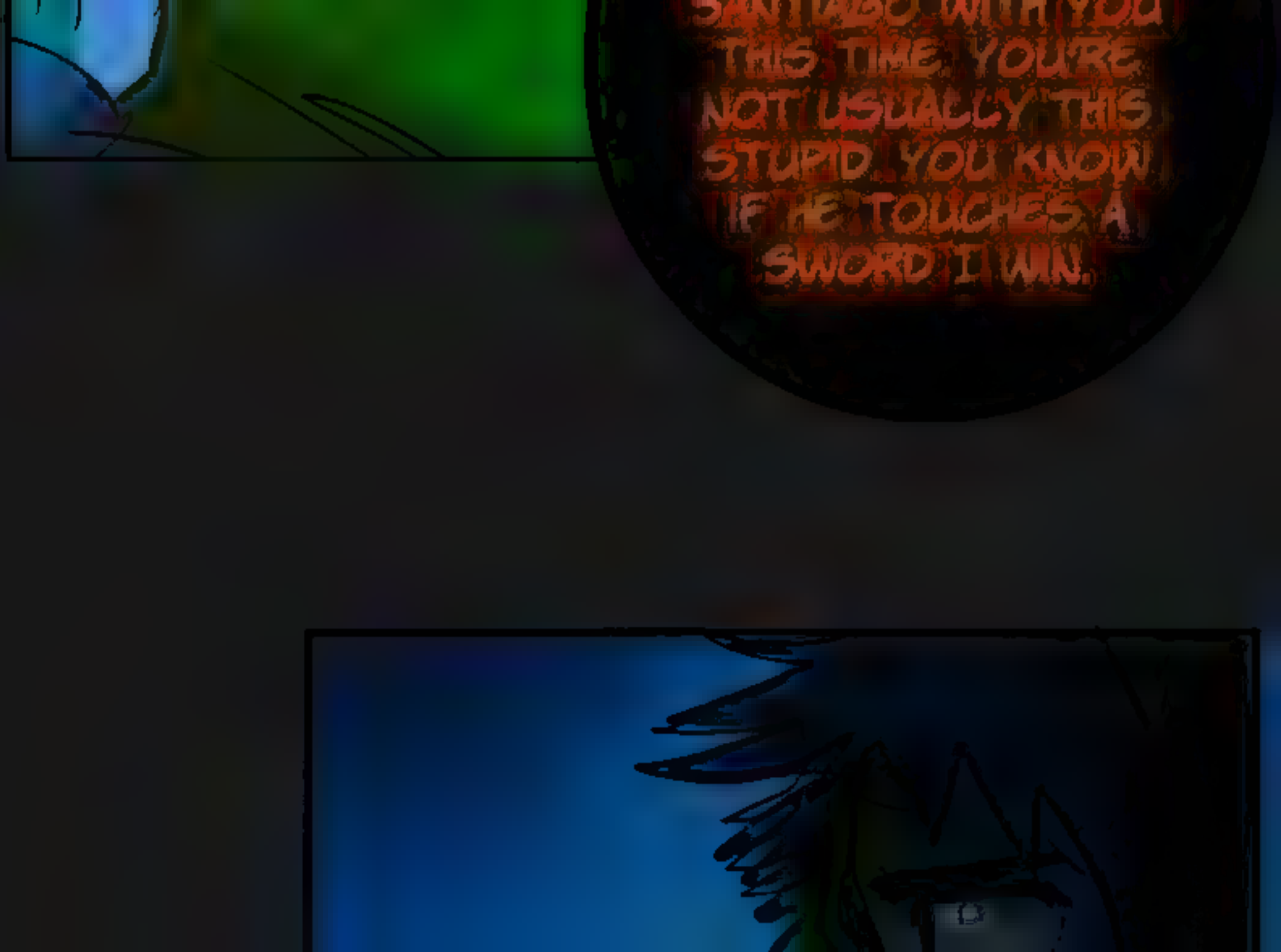
I GET IT.
I WAS FOOLED THE
FIRST TIME I SAW

MASIDSARE TOO. BUT
YOU'RE NOT
THE SAME.

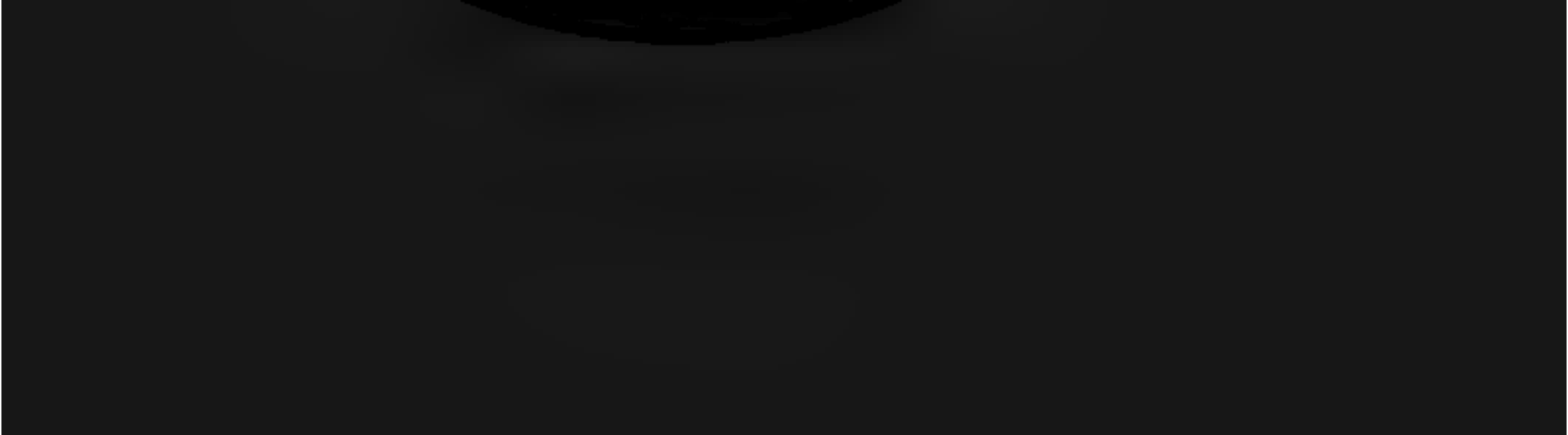
PERHAPS,
BUT IF HE FEEDS
OF MY WORST
SELF HE IS STILL
A POSSIBLE
FUTURE, ISN'T
HE?

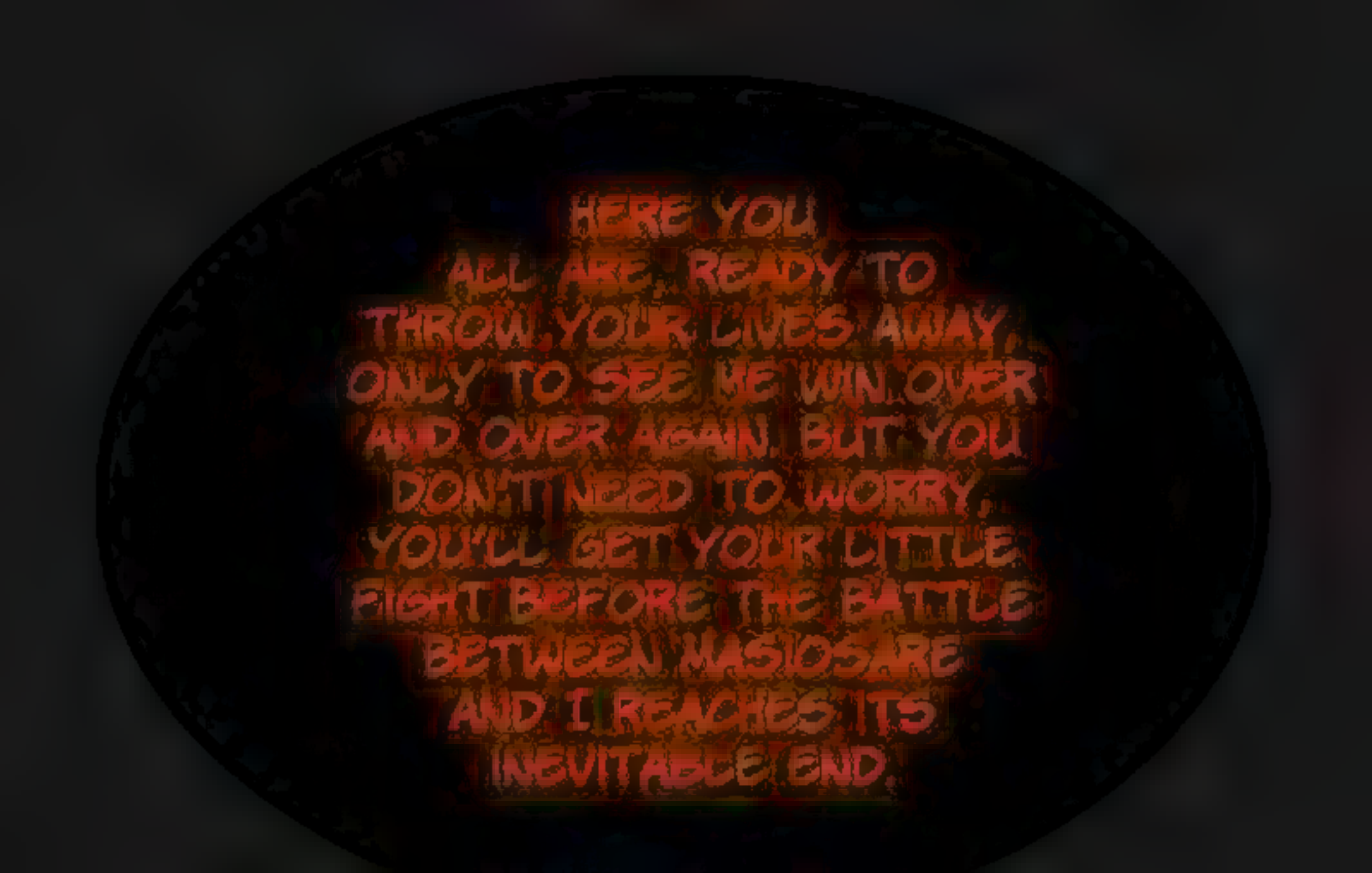
I'M
AFRAID SO.

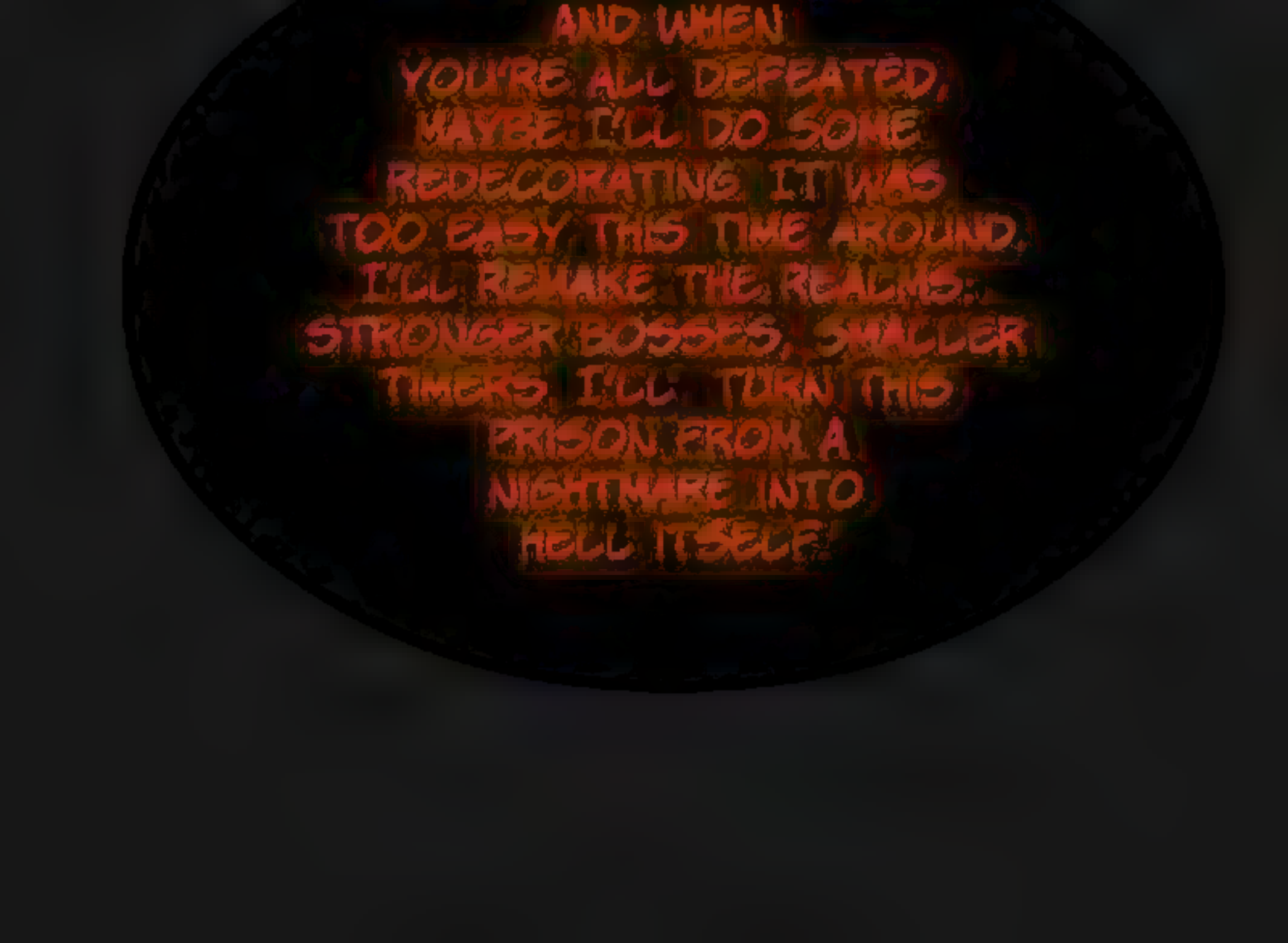
I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU
BROUGHT DON

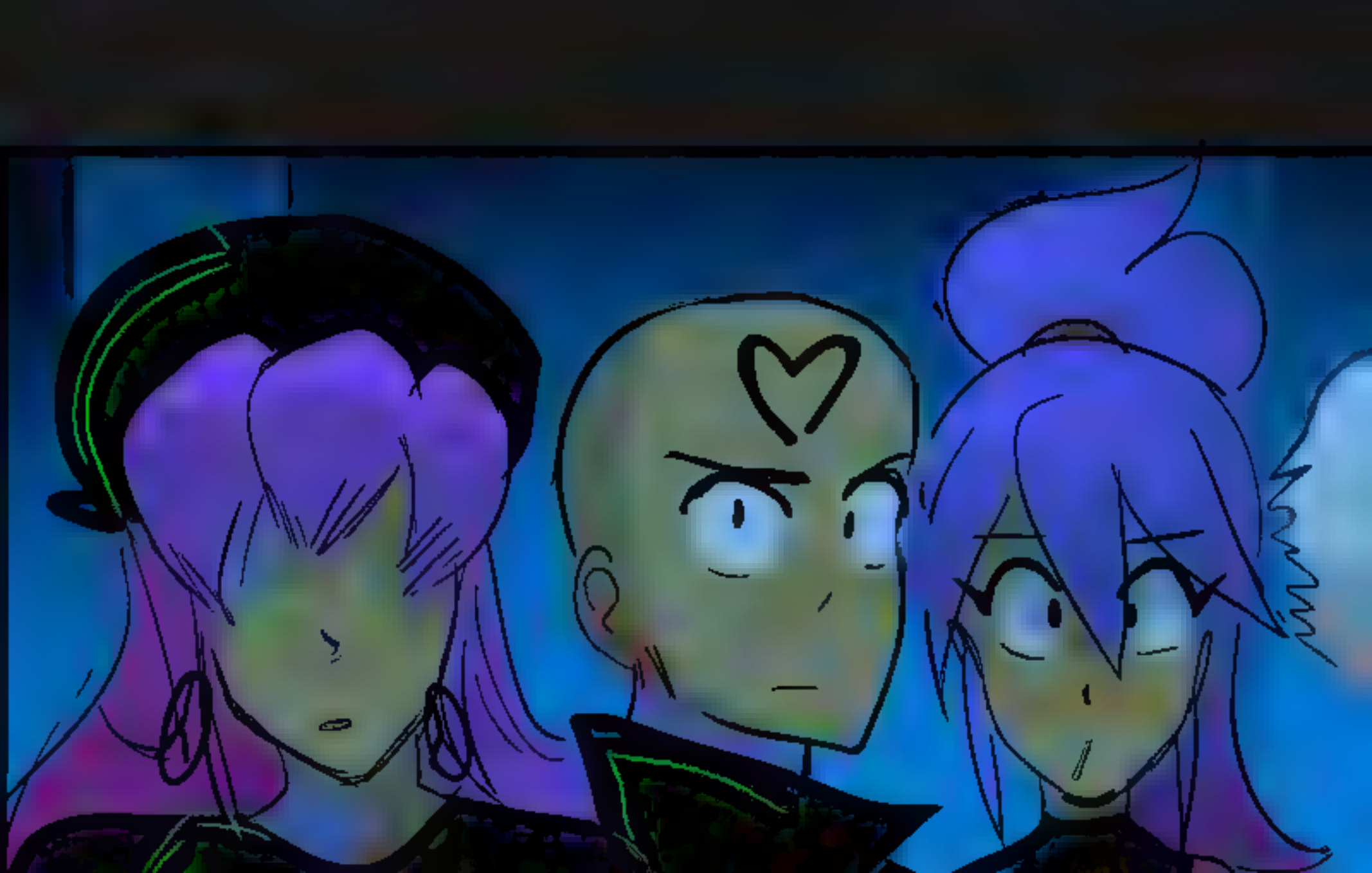

SANTABOU WITH YOU
THIS TIME YOU'RE
NOT USUALLY THIS
STUPID YOU KNOW
IF HE TOUCHES A
SWORD I WIN.

DID YOU
REALLY SUCCUMB
TO DESPAIR THAT
QUICKLY? HOW
DELIGHTFUL.

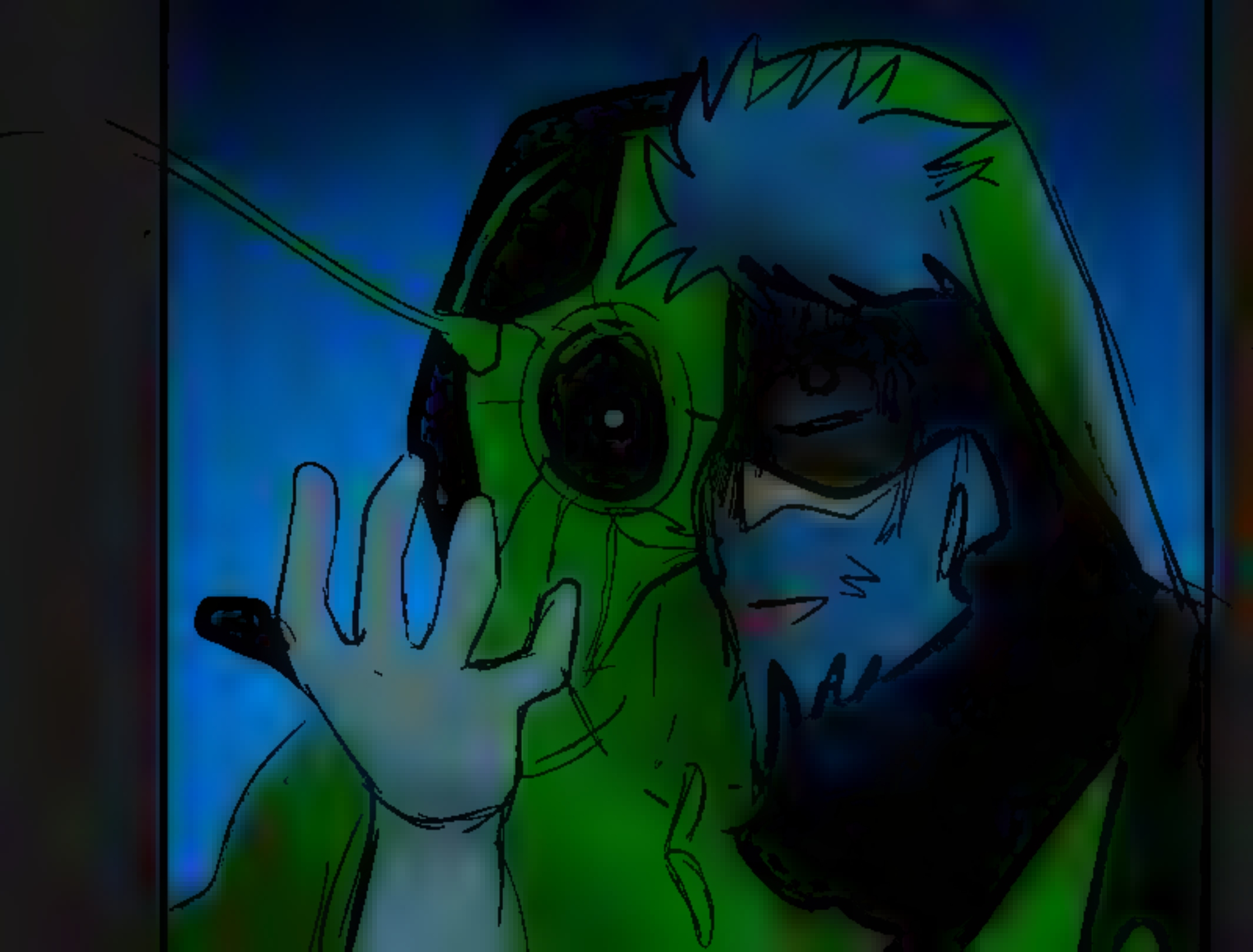



HERE YOU
ALL ARE, READY TO
THROW YOUR LIVES AWAY,
ONLY TO SEE ME WIN OVER
AND OVER AGAIN. BUT YOU
DON'T NEED TO WORRY,
YOU'LL GET YOUR LITTLE
FIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE
BETWEEN MASIOS.RE
AND I REACHES ITS
INEVITABLE END.

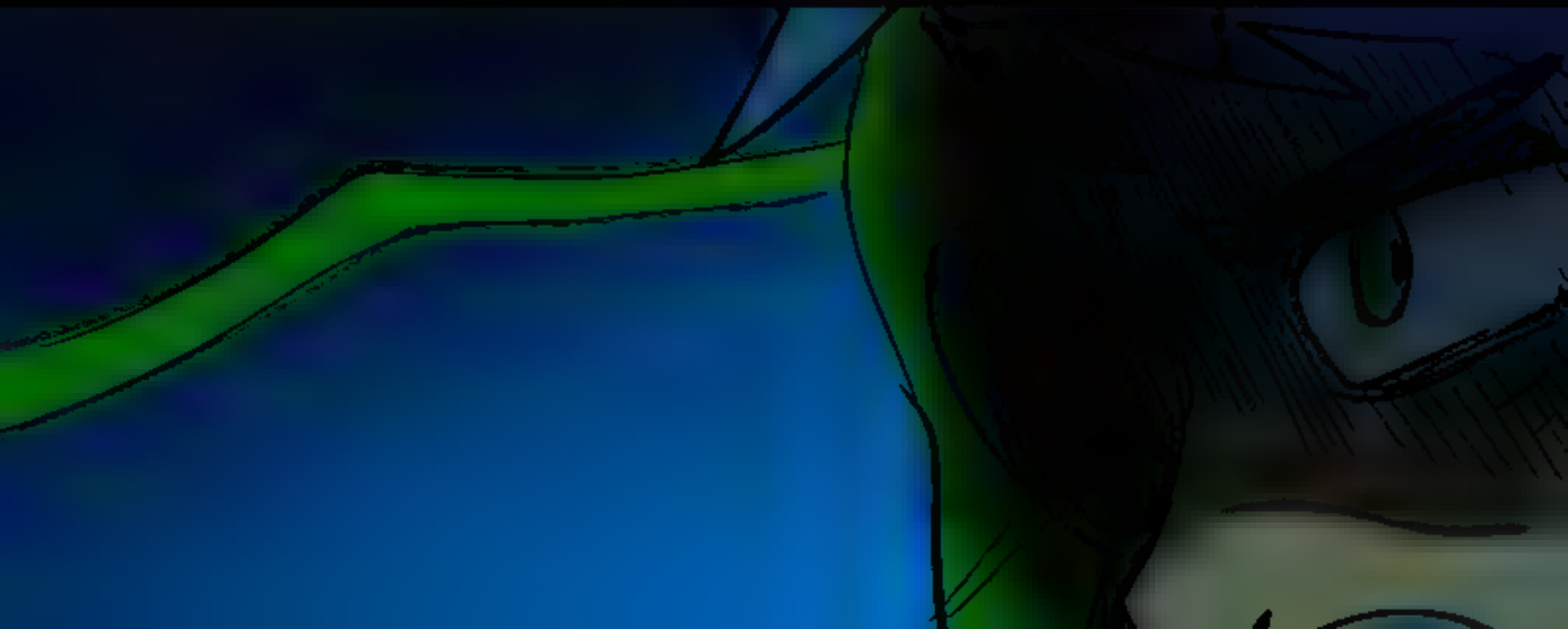

AND WHEN
YOU'RE ALL DEFEATED,
MAYBE I'LL DO SOME
REDECORATING. IT WAS
TOO EASY THIS TIME AROUND.
I'LL REMAKE THE REALMS:
STRONGER BOSSES, SMALLER
TIMERS. I'LL TURN THIS
PRISON FROM A
NIGHTMARE INTO
HELL ITSELF.

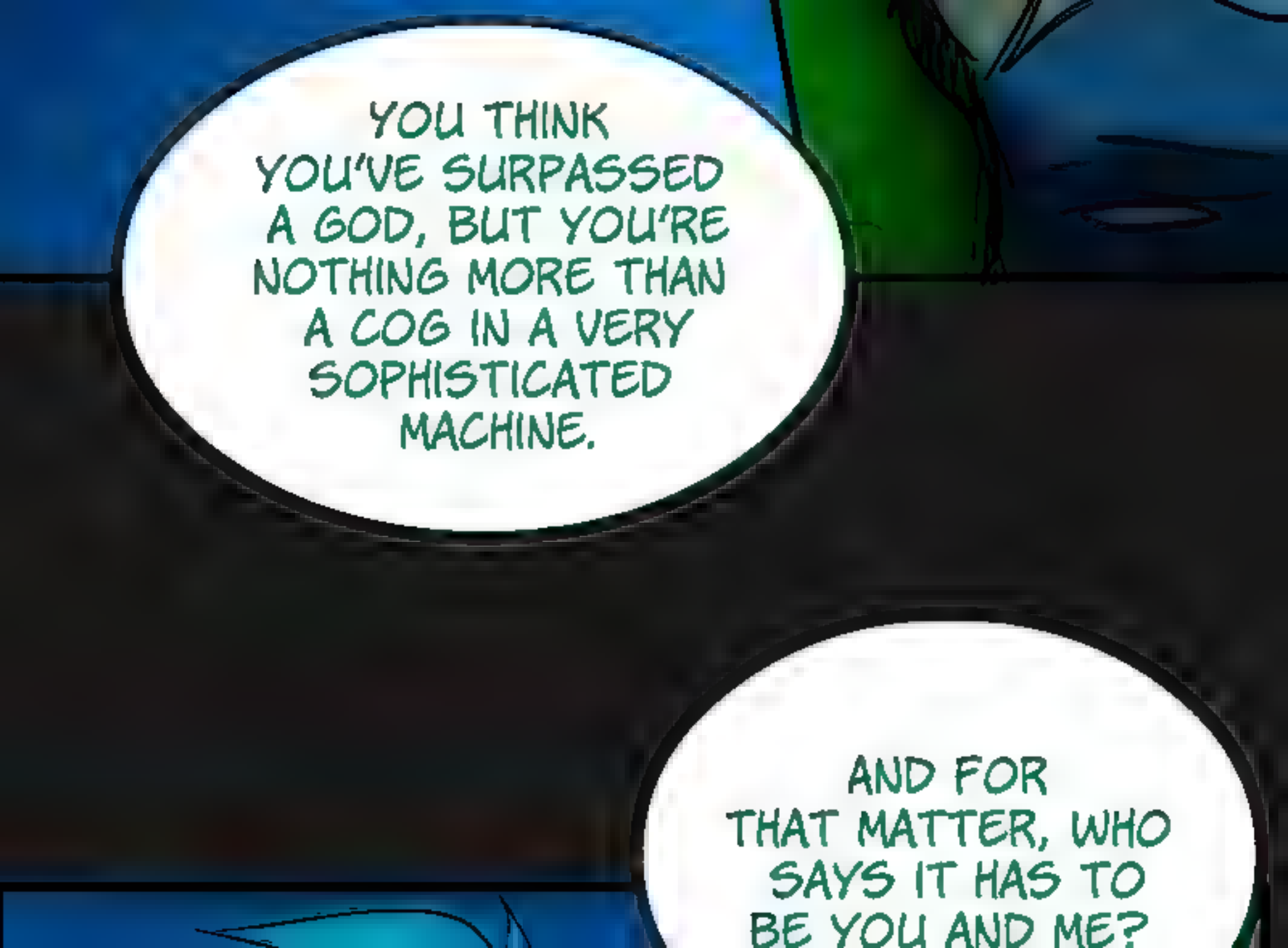


THEN YOU WILL BE IN SUCH AGONY YOU WON'T EVEN BOTHER ME IN HERE I CAN REST WITHOUT MASIOSARE HOUNDING AT MY FEET.

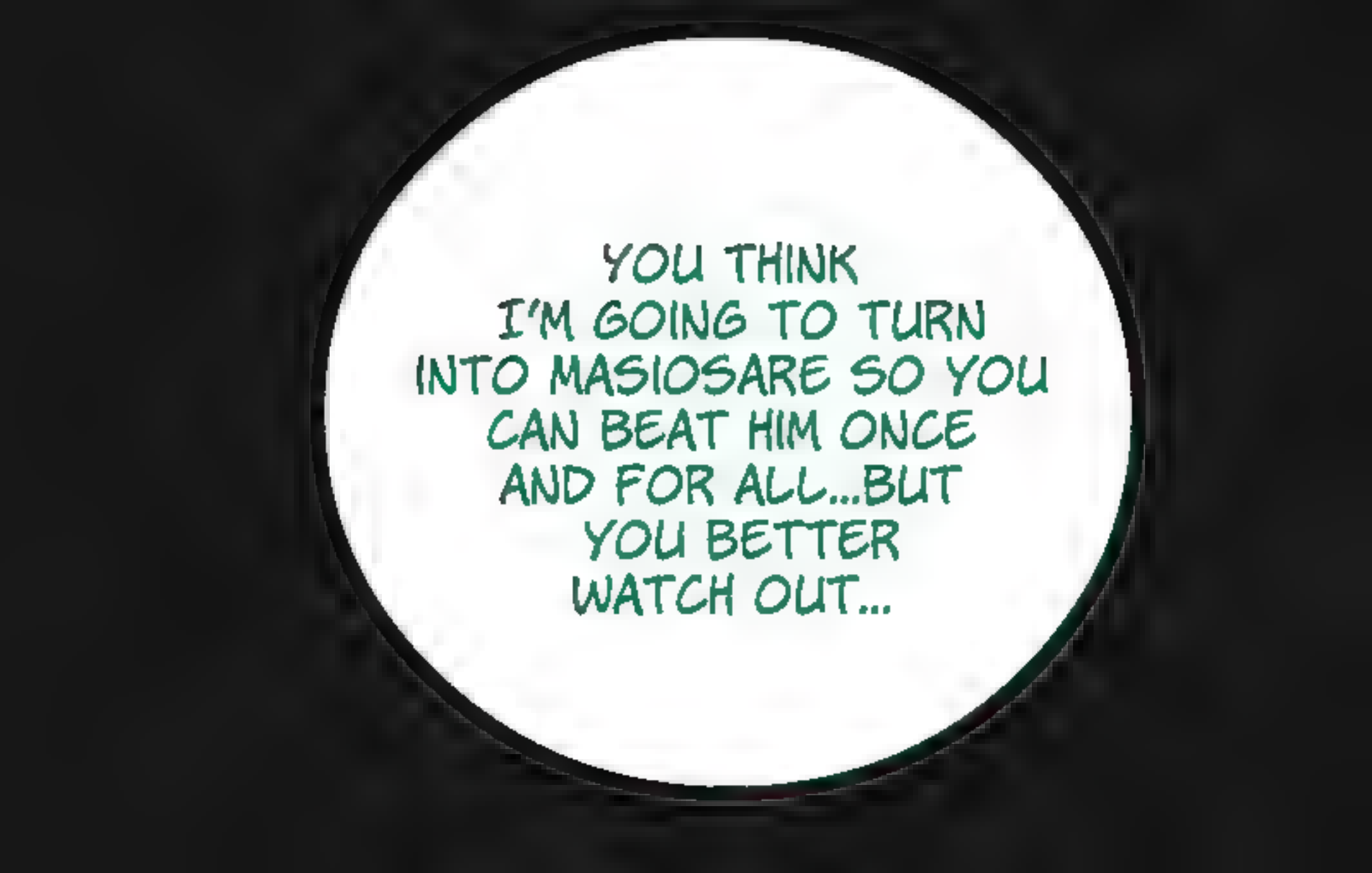


THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG. YOU NEED SOMEONE TO FIGHT.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE, THEN THE FUEL THAT KEEPS THE ROOM OF SWORDS RUNNING WILL GIVE OUT. THIS ETERNAL WAR IS WHAT KEEPS IT WORKING AFTER ALL.




YOU THINK YOU'VE SURPASSED A GOD, BUT YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A COG IN A VERY SOPHISTICATED MACHINE.
AND FOR THAT MATTER, WHO SAYS IT HAS TO BE YOU AND ME?

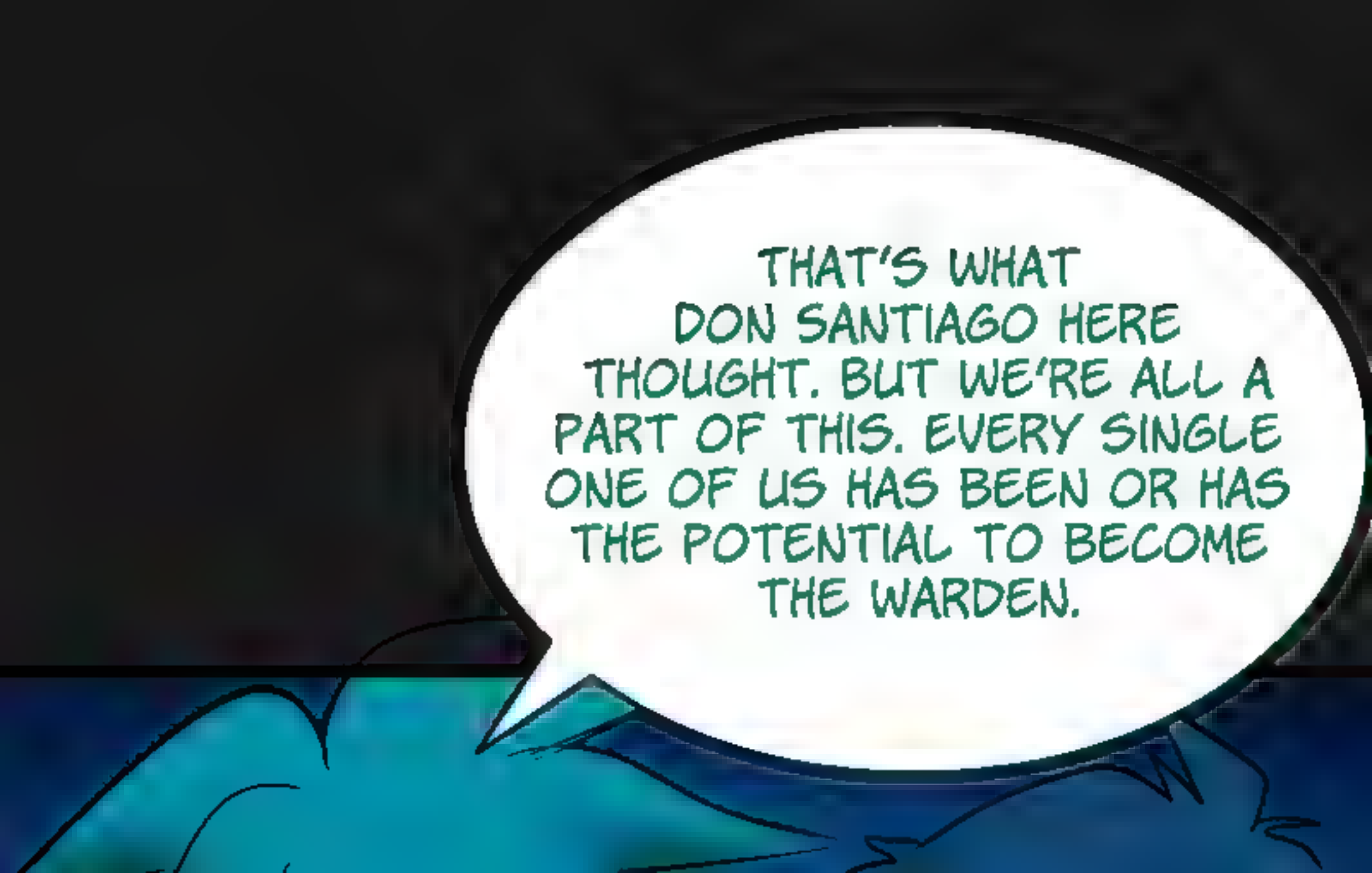
YOU'VE GOT A REALLY WARPED SENSE OF IMPORTANCE IF YOU THINK YOU AND MASIOSARE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS ETERNAL WAR.


YOU THINK
I'M GOING TO TURN
INTO MASIOSARE SO YOU
CAN BEAT HIM ONCE
AND FOR ALL...BUT
YOU BETTER
WATCH OUT...

SURE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO BEAT YOU AS MASIOSARE....
BUT THERE'S JUST AS HIGH A CHANCE THAT ANAN SUCCEEDS IN MY PLACE AND BECOMES THE NEXT PRISON

WARDEN.
WHAT?
ME!! I

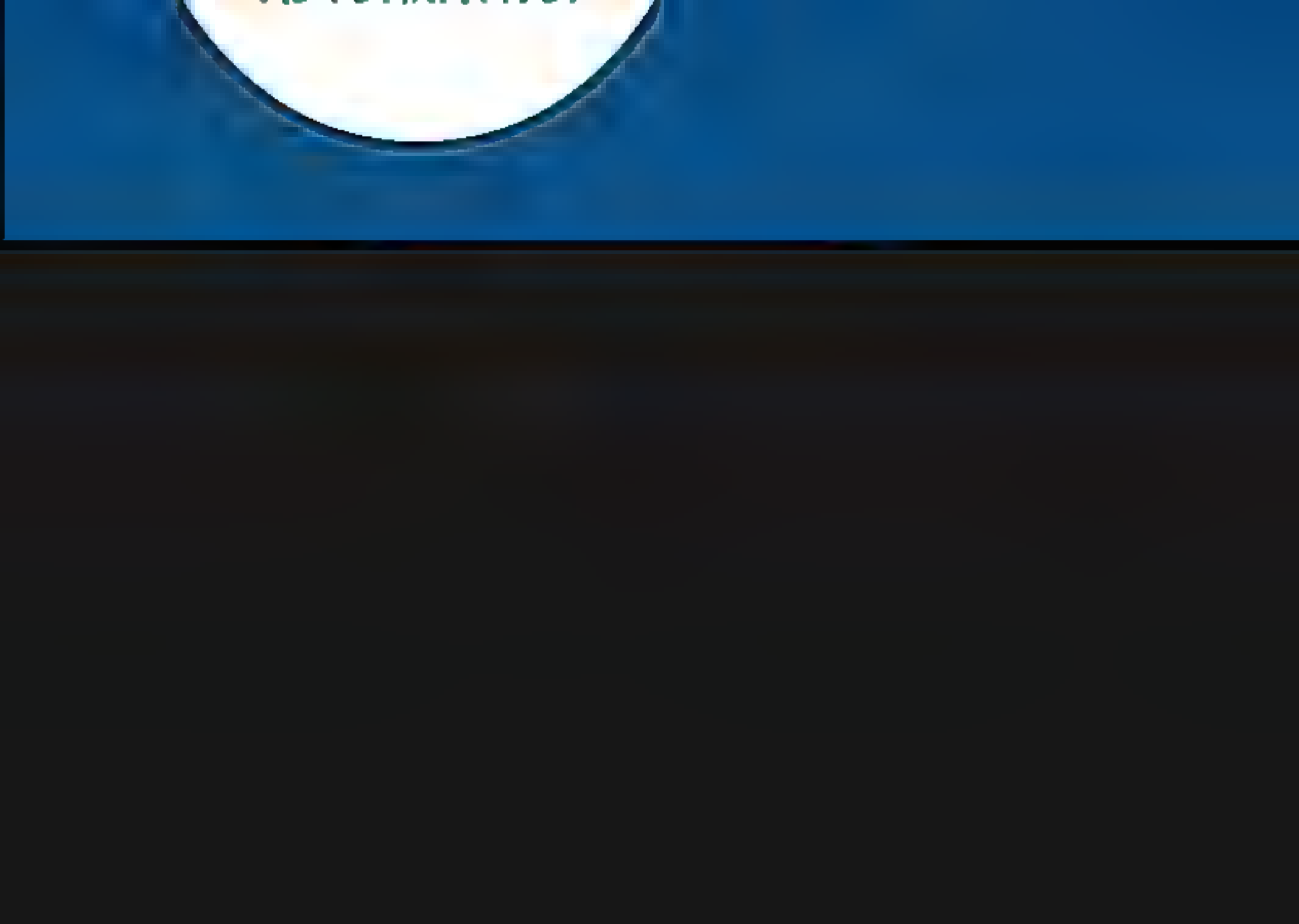
WOULDN'T


THAT'S WHAT DON SANTIAGO HERE THOUGHT. BUT WE'RE ALL A PART OF THIS. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US HAS BEEN OR HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME THE WARDEN.

WE ARE ALL
TAKING TURNS AT
PLAYING THE ROLES
OF THE MATTER AND

ANTIMATTER PARTICLES WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE A BLACK HOLE.

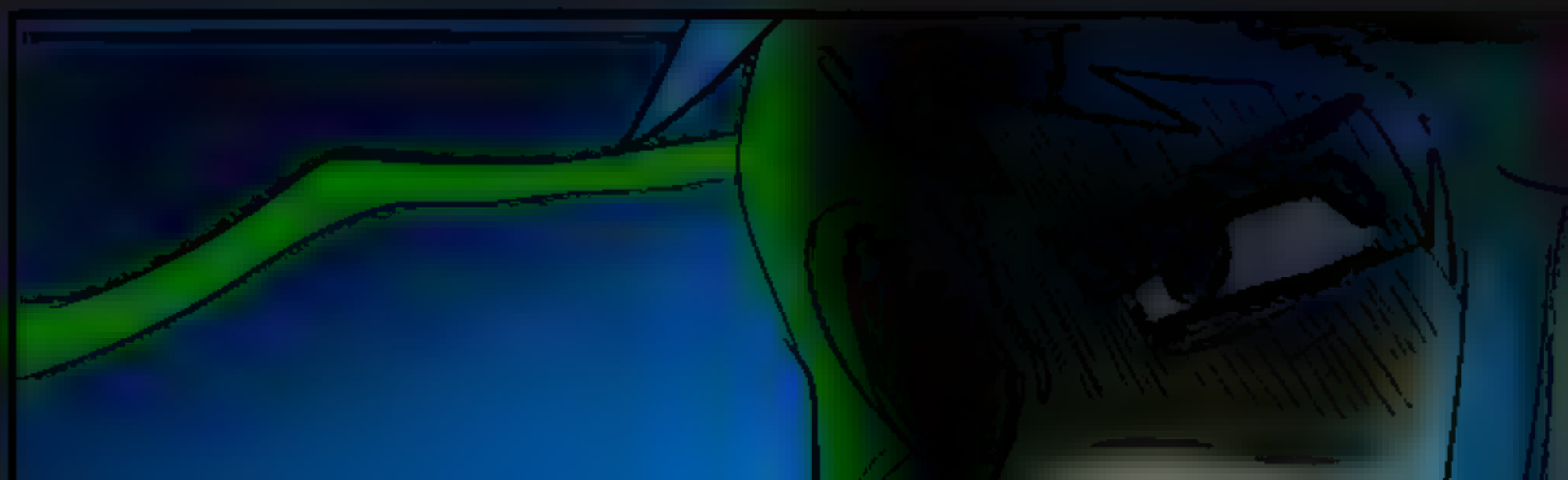
EGO IS WHAT KEEPS US HERE. WE NEED TO LET GO OF A SINGULAR VICTOR AND ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVE.



WAIT, IF ANYONE COULD HAVE BEEN THE WARDEN, DID I GET A TURN? WITH A COOL MASK AND EVERYTHING?

WHAT NONSENSE ARE YOU SPOUTING?

IT'S TIME FOR IT ALL TO END. NO MORE FIGHTING, NO MORE TORMENT. OUR VERY EXISTENCE NEEDS TO CEASE IF WE WANT TO HAVE A CHANCE OF CONTINUING.

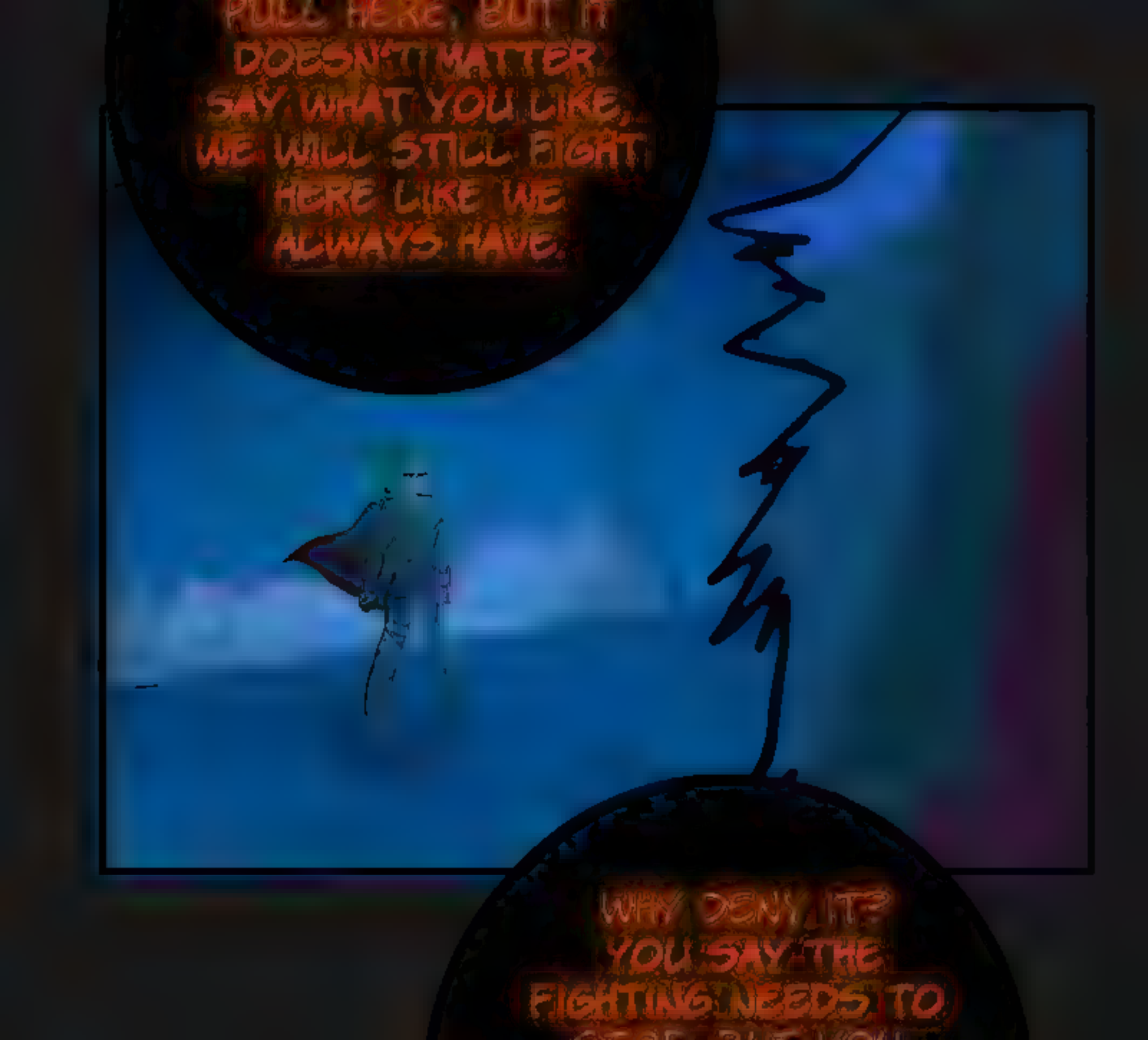


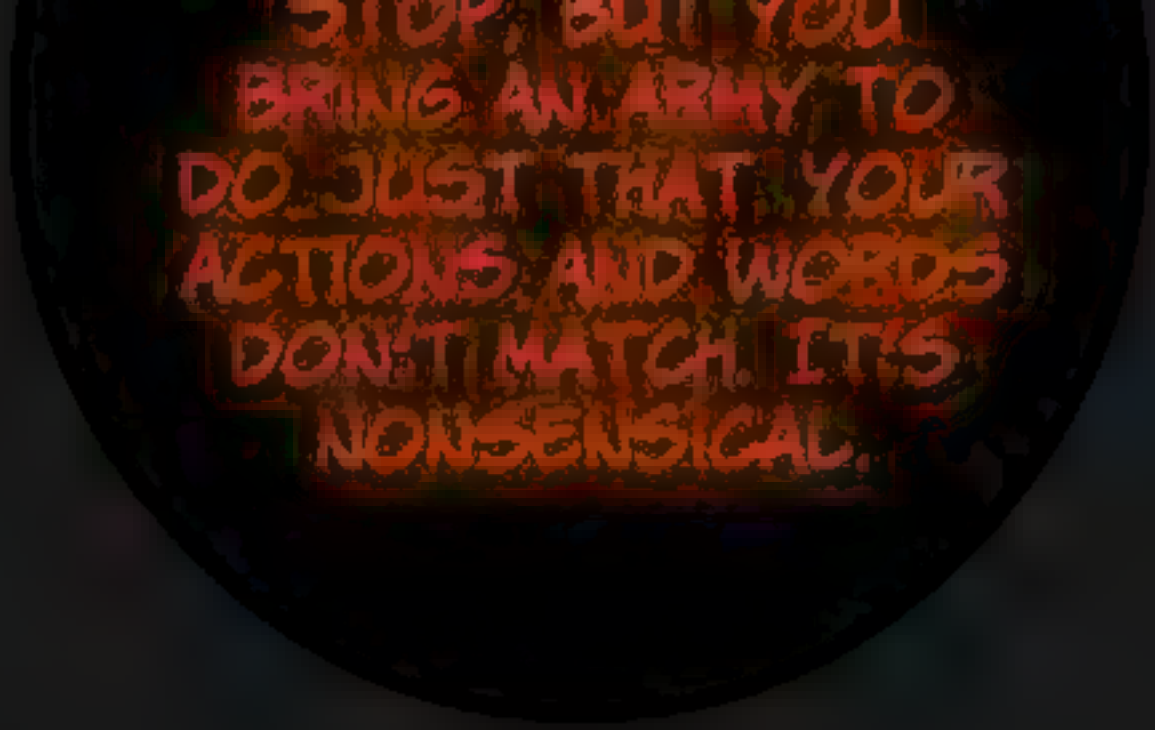
YOU'VE LOST YOUR HUMANITY AND BECOME ONE WITH THE ROOM OF SWORDS.

BUT IF WE CAN ENSURE YOU HAVE NO FINAL CHALLENGER, THEN THIS WILL FINALLY END. THE ETERNAL WAR CANNOT RUN WITHOUT AN ENEMY.

HAHAHA! YOU'VE REALLY LOST YOUR MIND THIS TIME! AND YET YOU'VE STILL MANAGED TO BRAINWASH THEM INTO FOLLOWING YOU!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TRICK YOU'RE TRYING TO

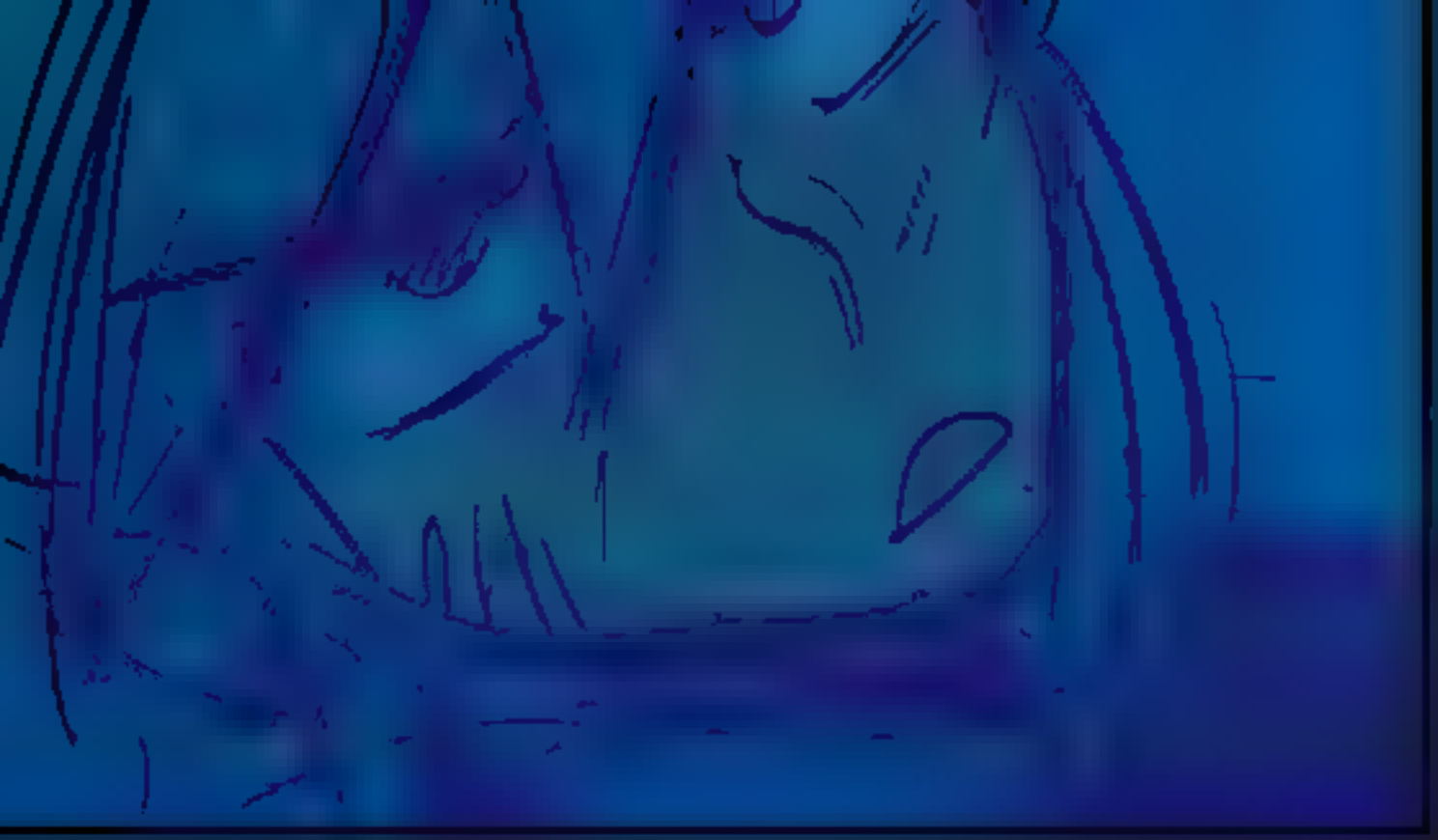

PUBLIC HERE, BUT IT
DOESN'T MATTER
SAY WHAT YOU LIKE,
WE WILL STILL FIGHT
HERE LIKE WE
ALWAYS HAVE.
WHY DENY IT?
YOU SAY THE
FIGHTING NEEDS TO


STOP, BUT YOU
BRING AN ARMY TO
DO JUST THAT. YOUR
ACTIONS AND WORDS
DON'T MATCH. IT'S
NONSENSICAL.

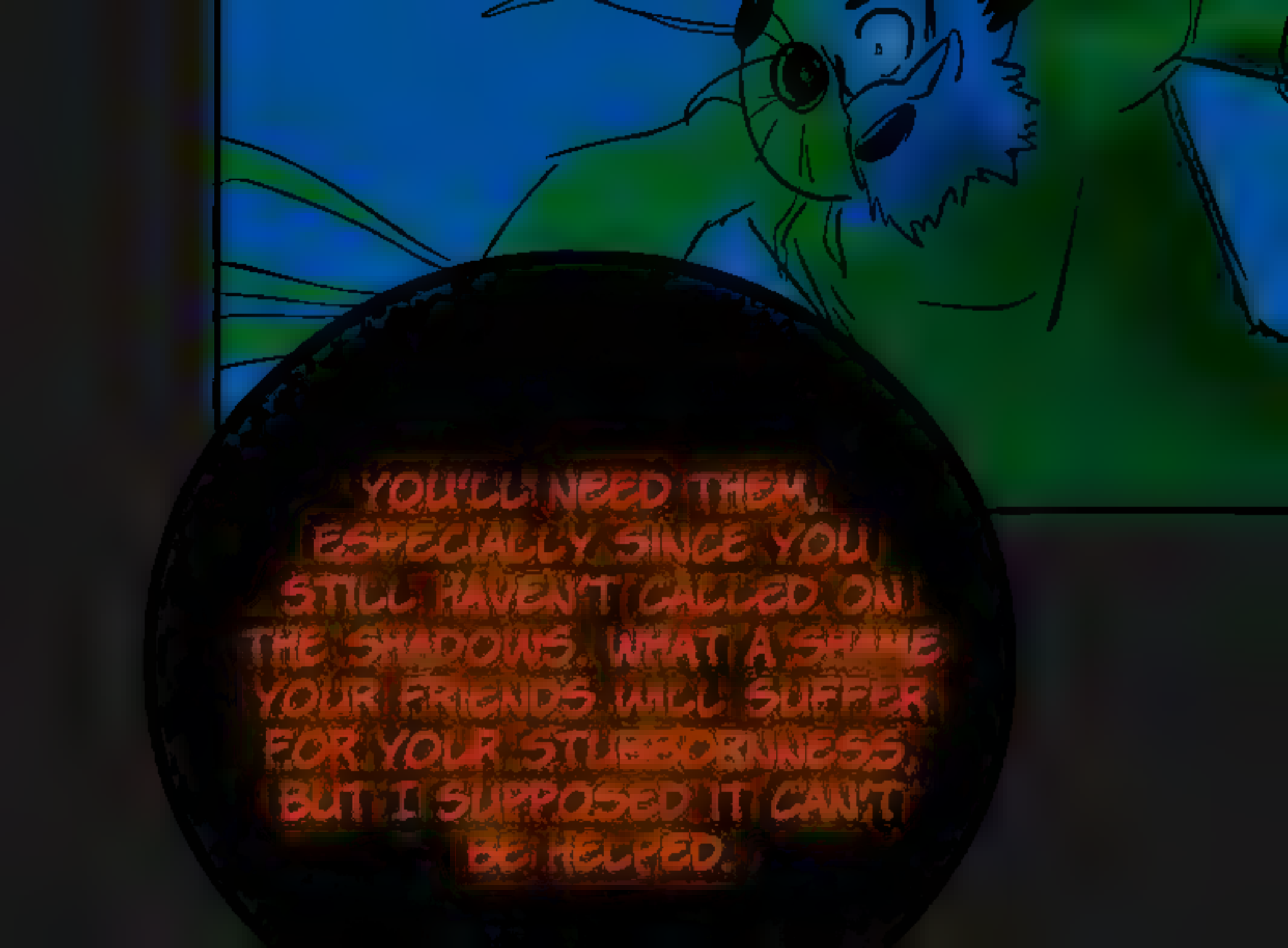
NOW COME MASIOSARE LET'S NOT DELAY ANY FURTHER.
WOOSH!

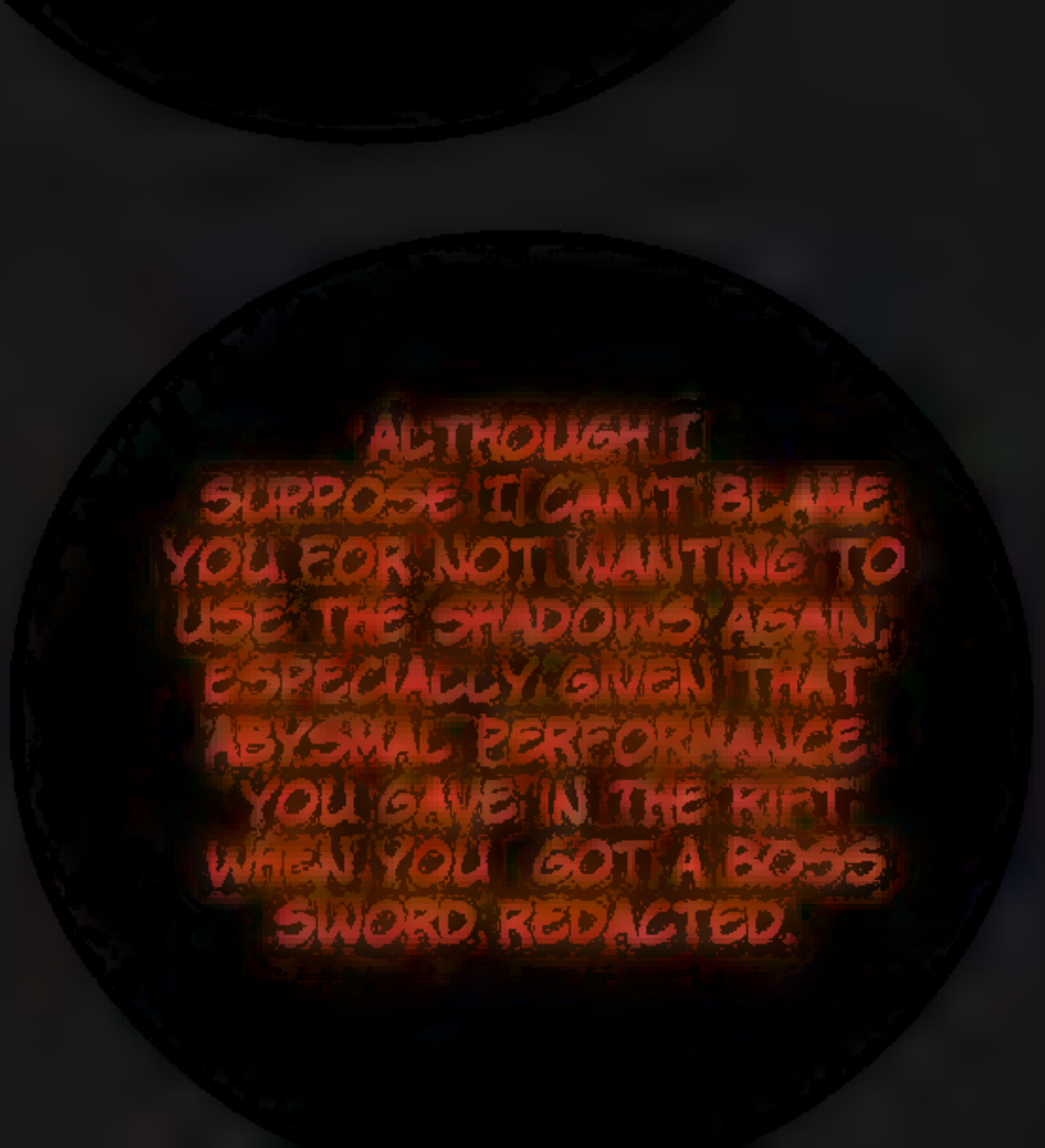
WILL YOU FIGHT ME ONE ON ONE, OR DO YOU WANT TO THROW EVERYONE AT ME FIRST?

I DON'T FIGHT ALONE ANYMORE. WE'LL FACE YOU TOGETHER.

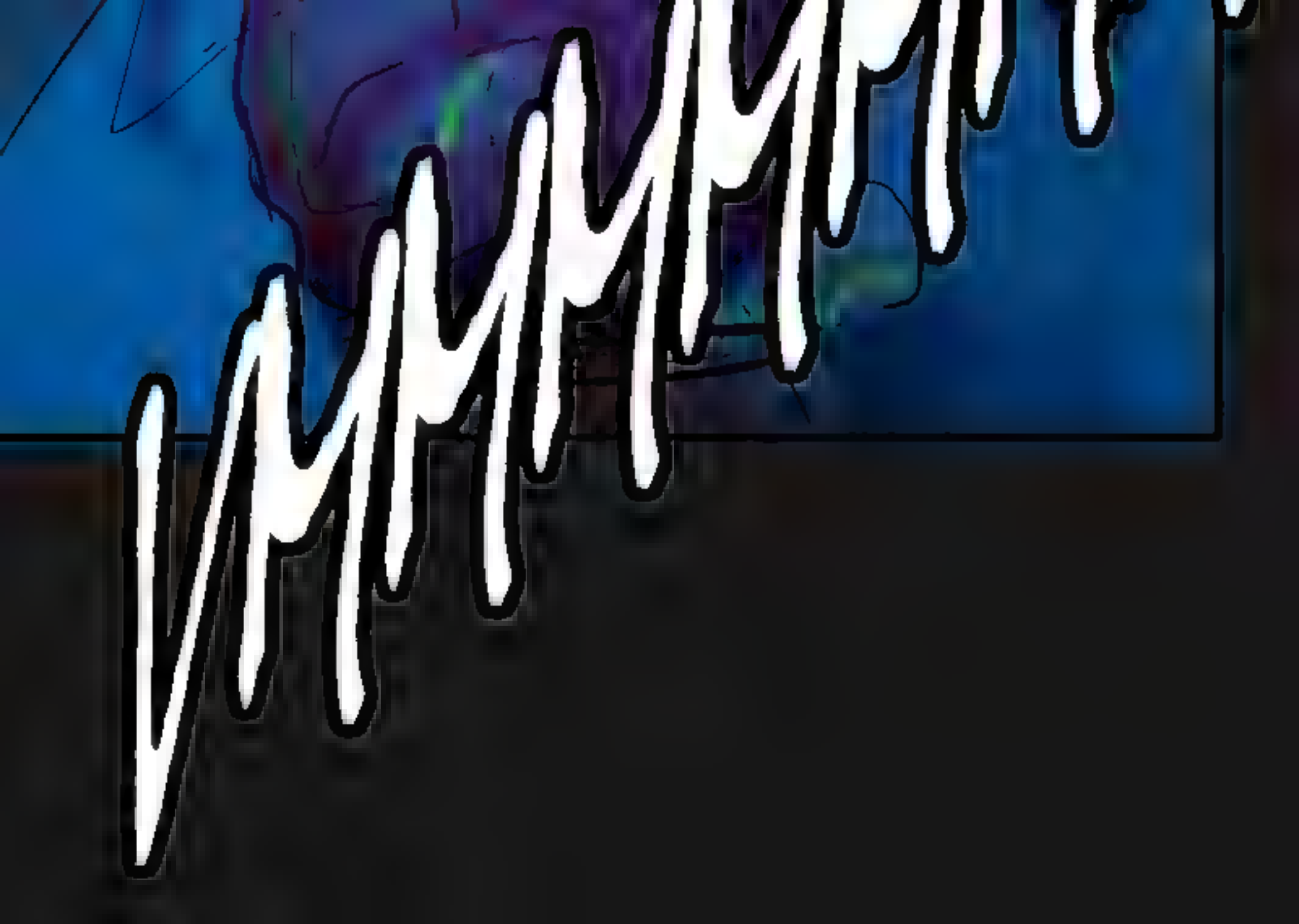


SO YOU'LL THROW THE CANNON FODDER TO THE WOLVES FIRST! GOOD TO KNOW!

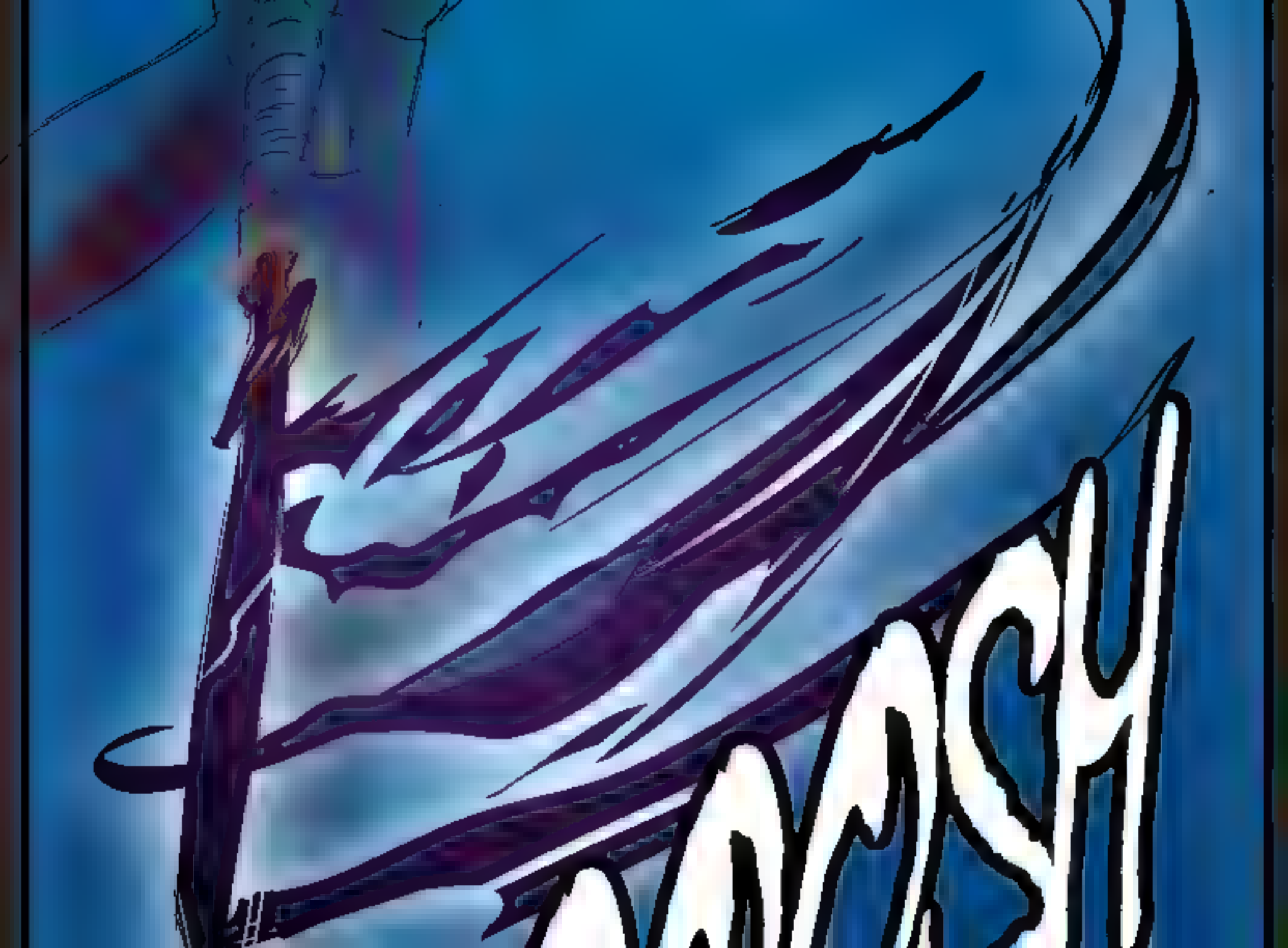

YOU'LL NEED THEM.
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU
STILL HAVEN'T CALLED ON
THE SHADOWS. WHAT A SHAME
YOUR FRIENDS WILL SUFFER
FOR YOUR STUBBORNNESS.
BUT I SUPPOSED IT CAN'T
BE HELPED.


ALTHOUGH I
SUPPOSE I CAN'T BLAME
YOU FOR NOT WANTING TO
USE THE SHADOWS AGAIN,
ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT
ABYSMAL PERFORMANCE
YOU GAVE IN THE RIFT
WHEN YOU GOT A BOSS
SWORD. REDACTED.

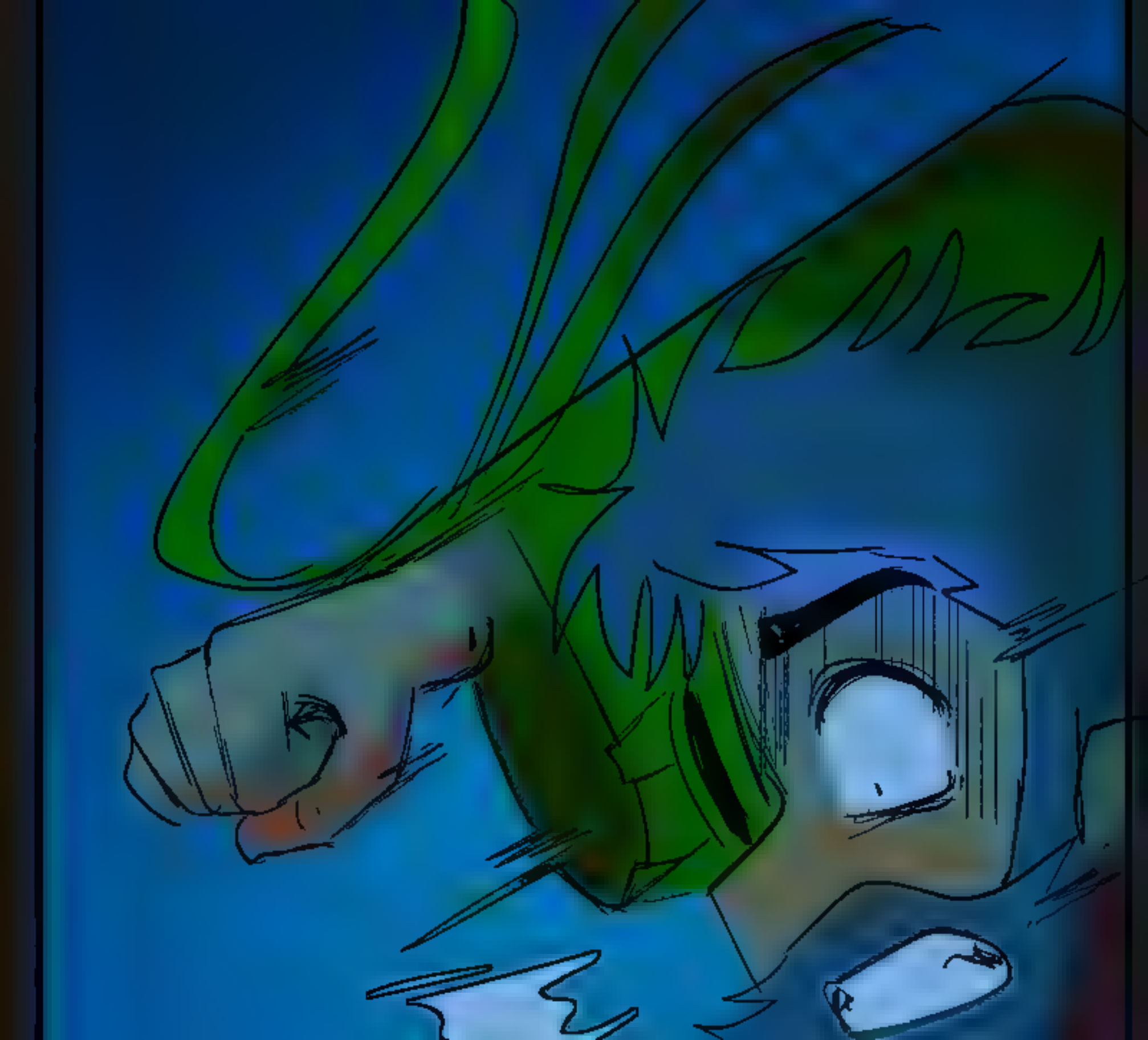
WHO SAID I WOULDN'T BE USING THE SHADOWS?


UMMM

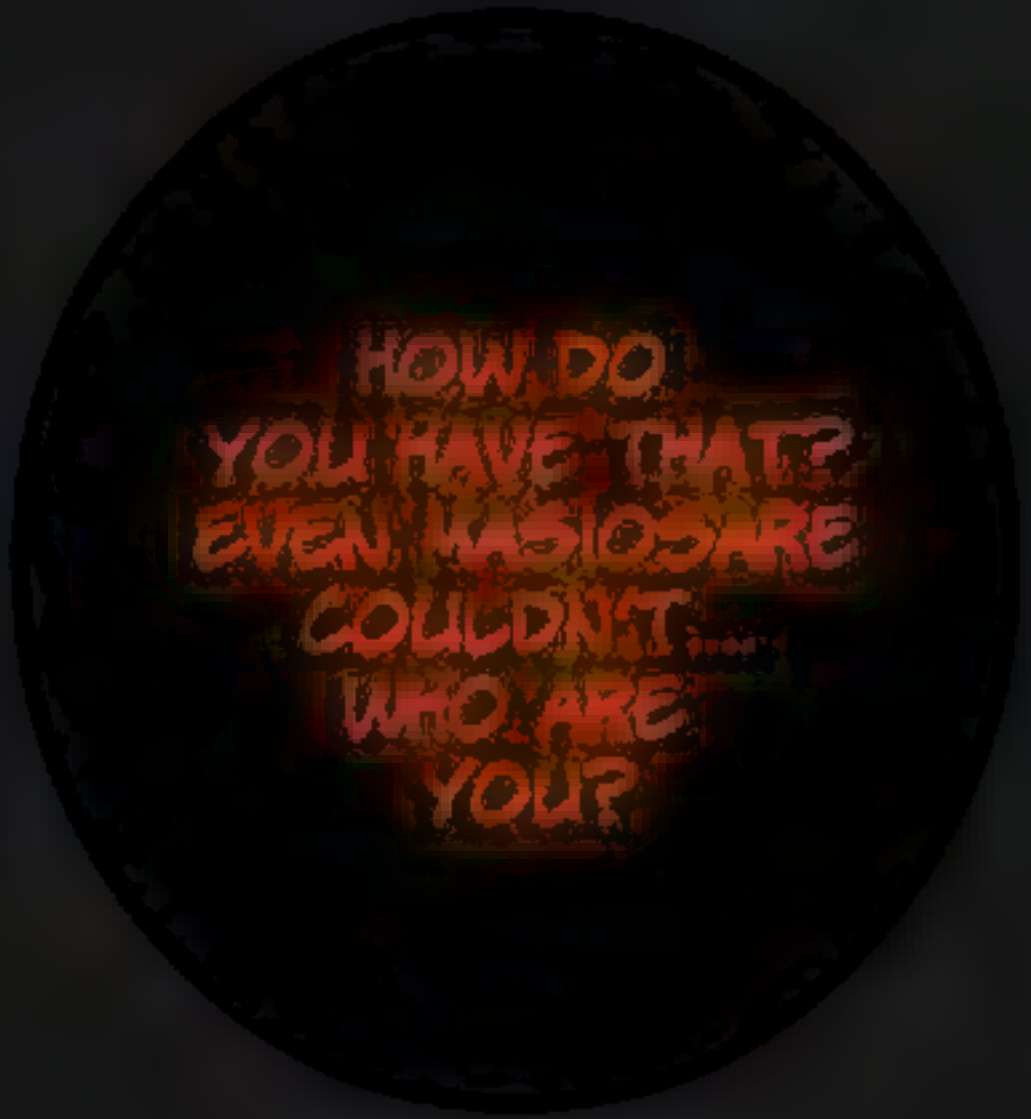
REMEMBER THIS?


SMASH

Welcome



IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS? THE REDACTED SWORD IS BACK?! HOW? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT WAS LOST WHEN IT SEALED THE RIFT!! IT VANISHED!

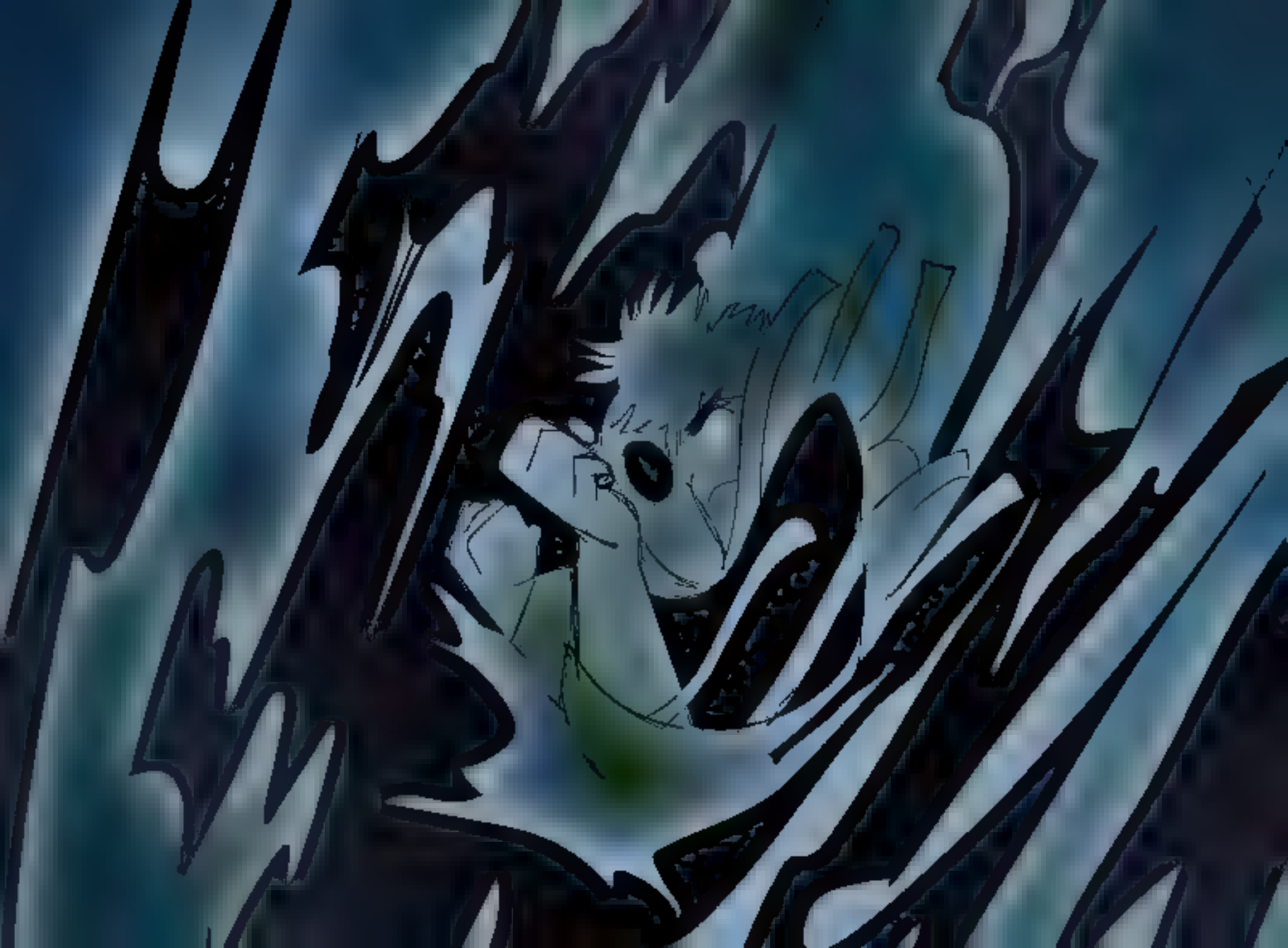

HOW DO
YOU HAVE THAT?
EVEN WASIO ARE
COULDN'T....
WHO ARE
YOUR

IT'S NOT WHO *I* AM, IT'S WHO *WE* ARE. WE AREN'T SOME GOD OR DEITY. WE'RE NOTHINGNESS, A BLACK HOLE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM ITSELF. WE ARE THE THE *ABYSS.*

AAAAA

SHAW!

ABYSS?!



IS THIS

THE REDACTED
SWORD'S DOING? HOW DID HE EVEN FIND THAT? I'M THE WARDEN! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE EVERYTHING! WHAT ELSE HAVE I MISSED?

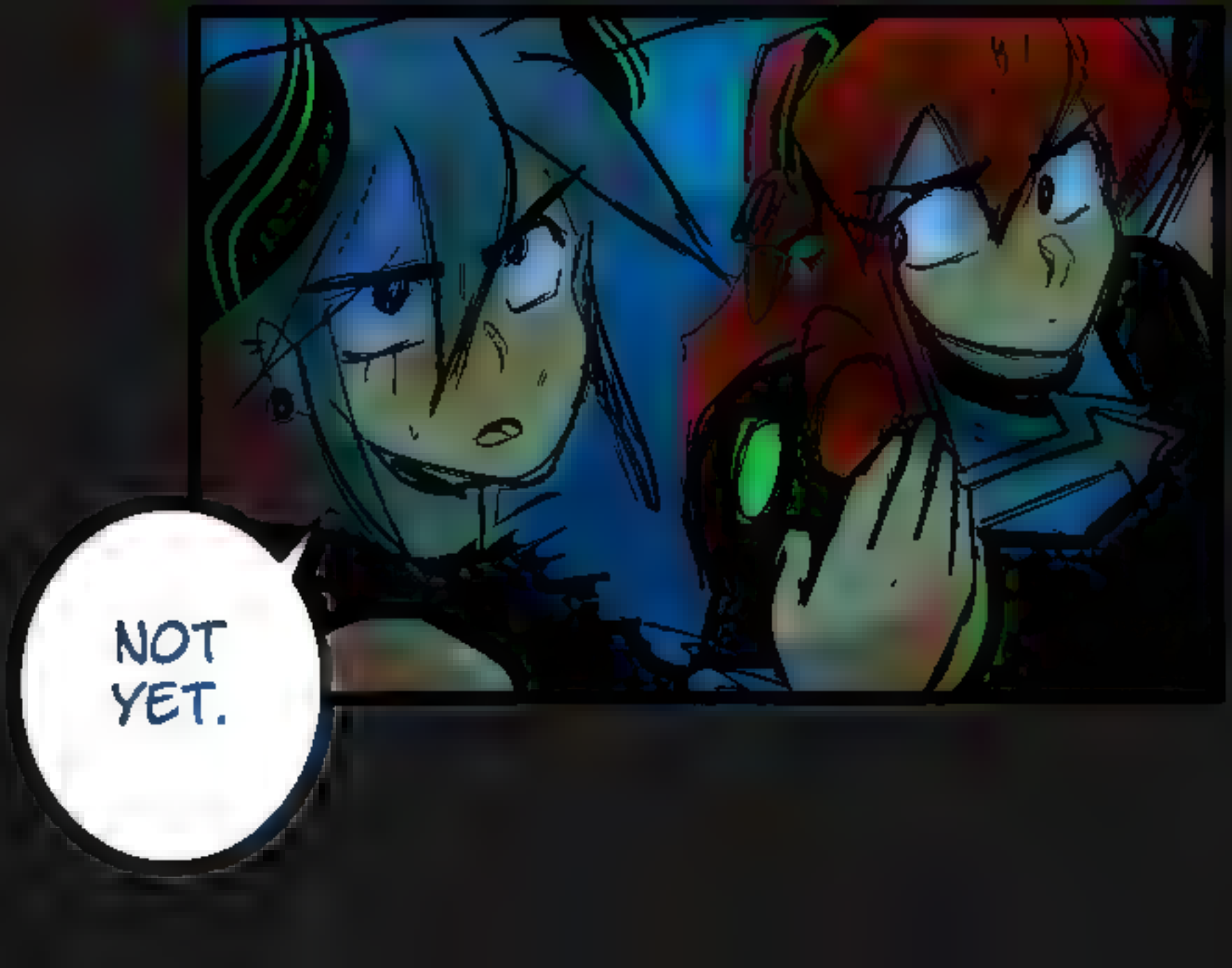
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH THE SWORD? SO IT DISAPPEARED IN A RIFT, SO WHAT? DON'T THE RIFTS JUST LEAD BACK TO THE OTHER RECUSIONS?

AYE, BUT HE IS THE WARDEN. AN OVERSEER OF EVERYTHING. FOR HIM TO MISS SOMETHING, IT MEANS IT COULD NOT

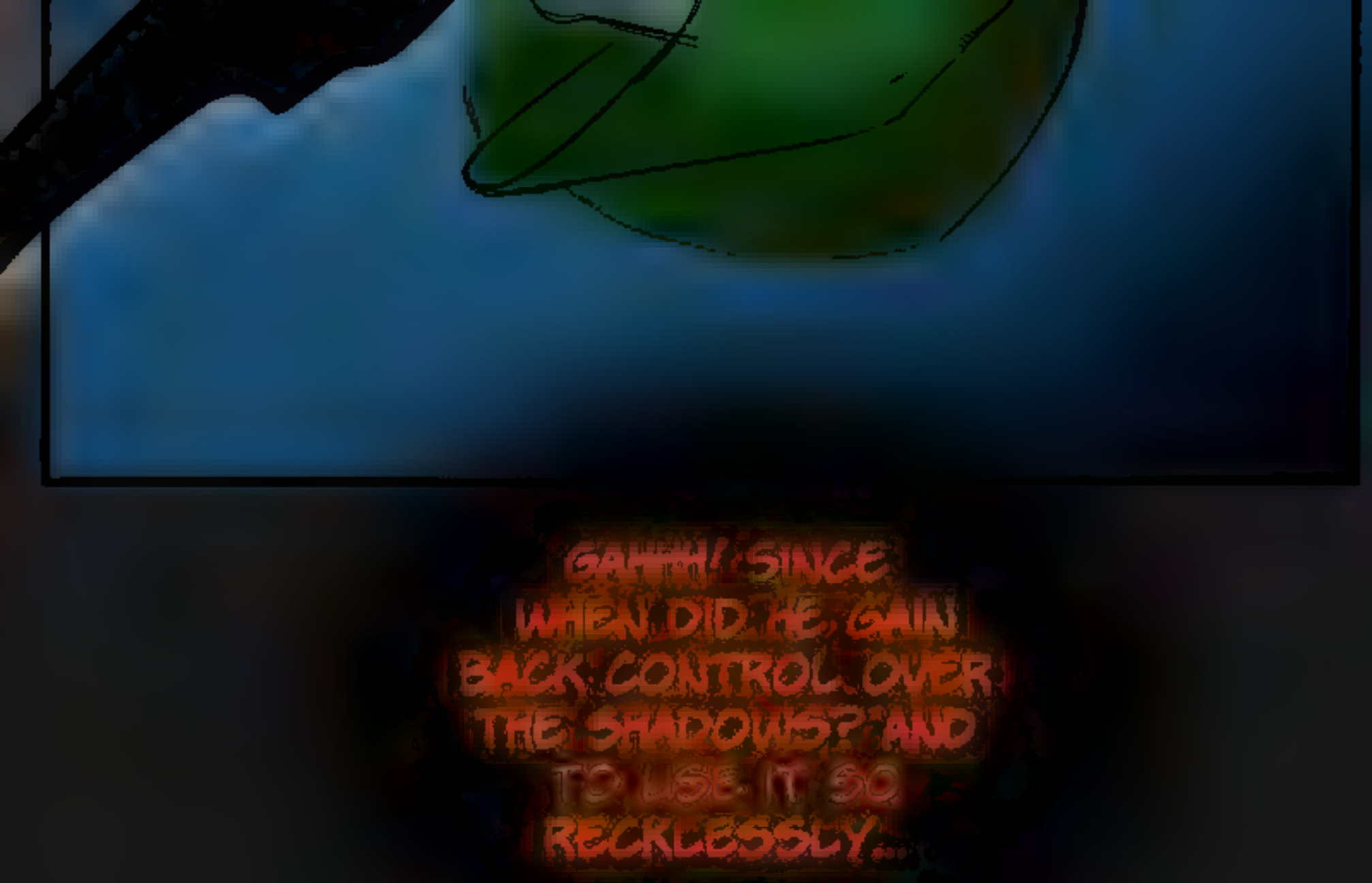
HAVE BEEN IN THIS UNIVERSE.

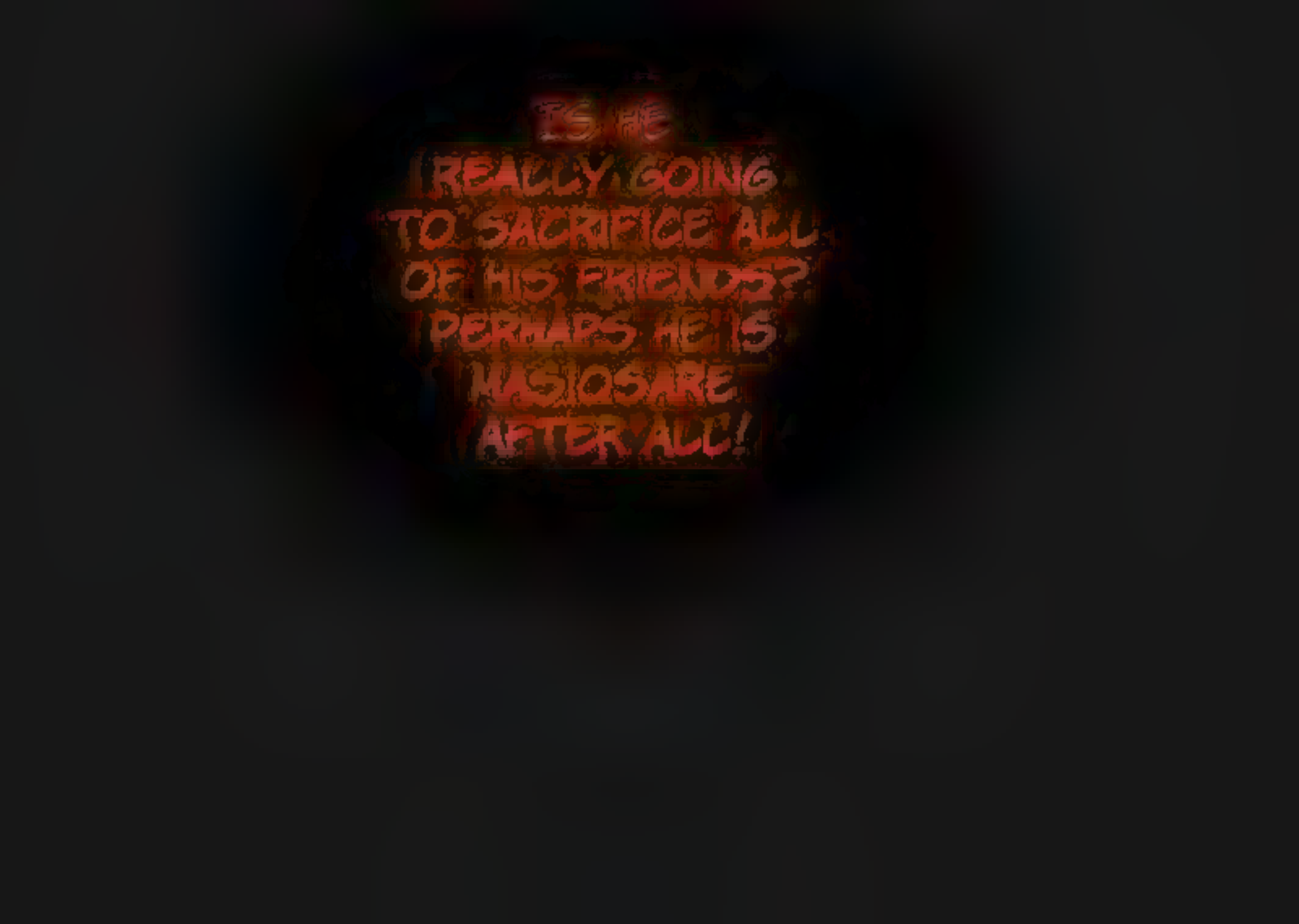
ARE YOU SAYING THAT SOMETHING ESCAPED AND CAME BACK? IT'S ACTUALLY POSSIBLE?

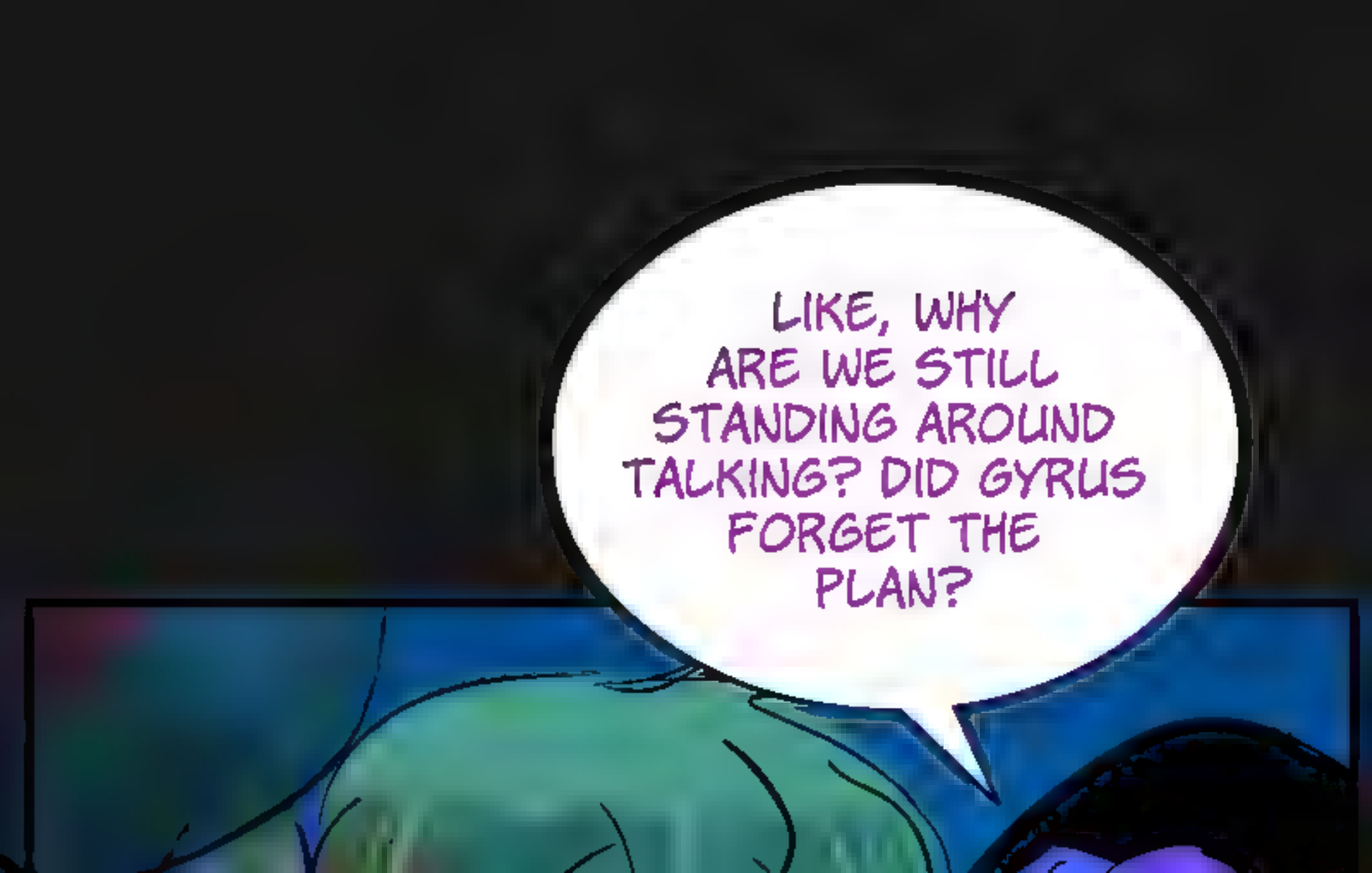
IS IT
TIME?


NOT
YET.

MMMM


GAHH! SINCE
WHEN DID HE GAIN
BACK CONTROL OVER
THE SHADOWSP AND
TO USE IT SO
RECKLESSLY...

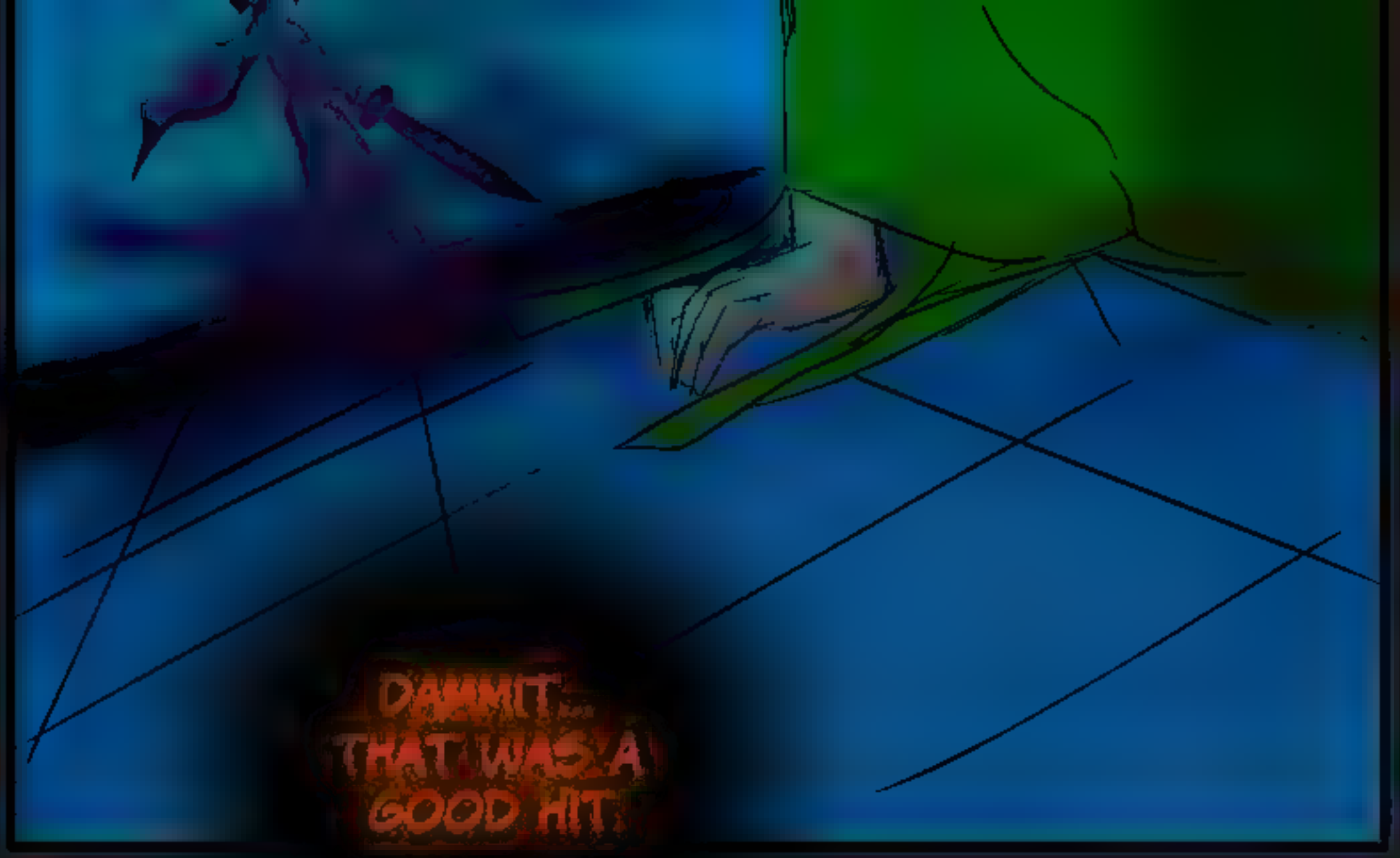

IS HE
REALLY GOING
TO SACRIFICE ALL
OF HIS FRIENDS?
PERHAPS HE IS
MASOSARE
AFTER ALL!


LIKE, WHY ARE WE STILL STANDING AROUND TALKING? DID GYRUS FORGET THE PLAN?

HE HASN'T.

JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
BOO

HAAboo


DAMMIT...
THAT WAS A
GOOD HIT

WHY IS
IT SO COLD?

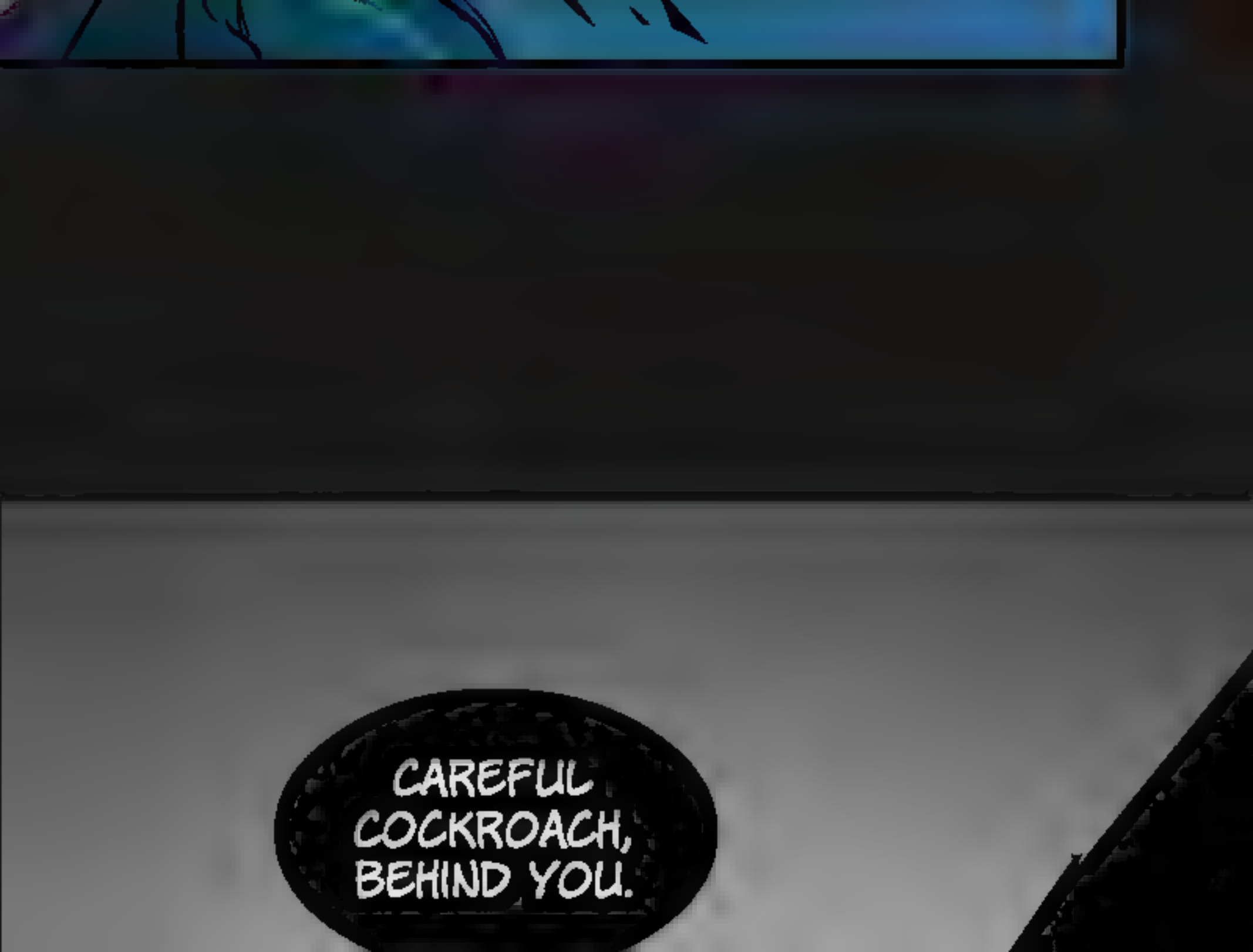
THAT CHILL!
IT'S TIME!
NOD

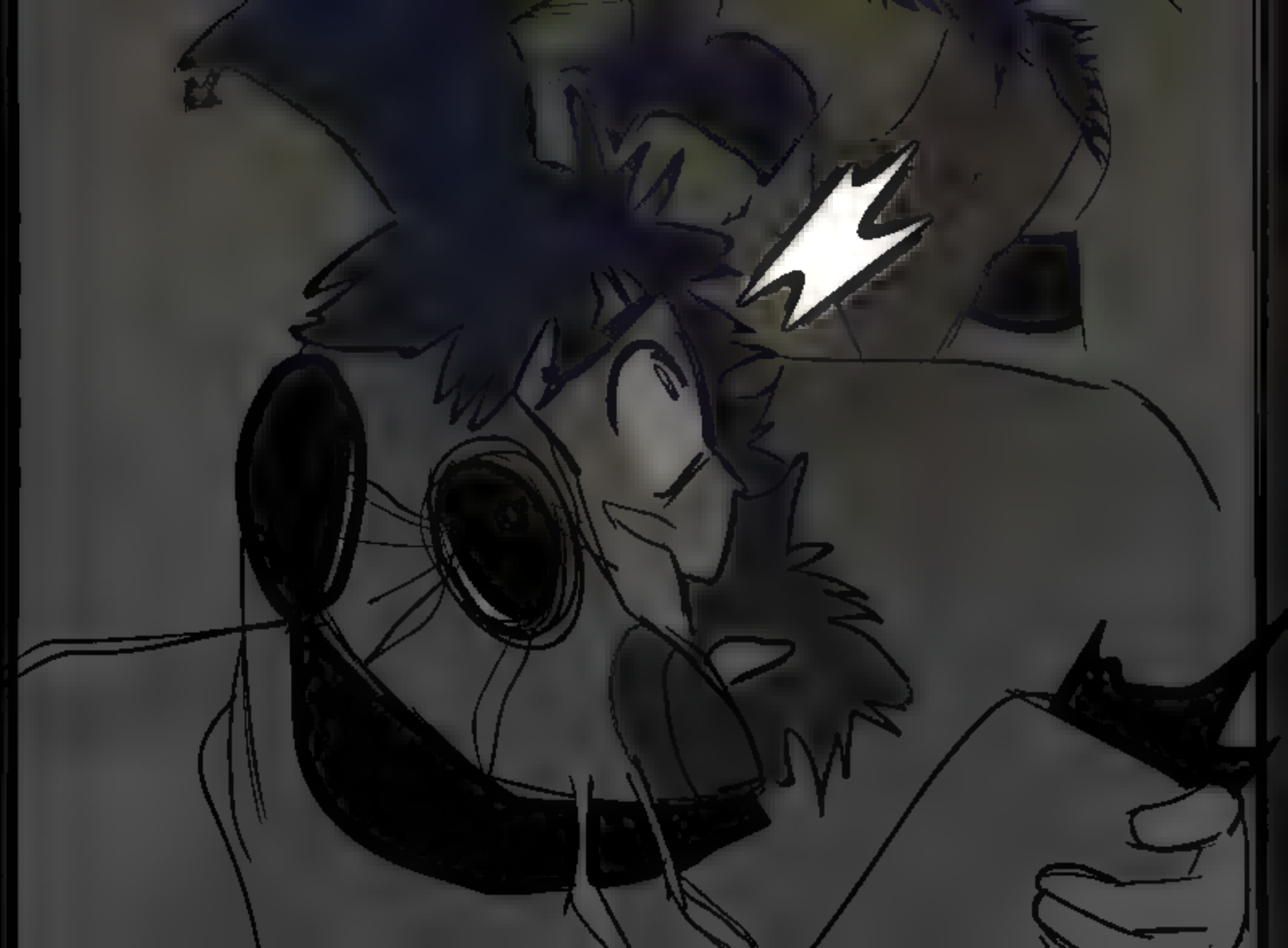
YOU FUCKING
PIECE OF SHIT! HOW

DARE YOU STRIKE YOUR WARDEN!
I CONTROL THIS WHOLE UNIVERSE! I CAN AND WILL REPAY YOU BACK A HUNDRED FOLD!

ME?

OR US?


CAREFUL COCKROACH, BEHIND YOU.



I TOLD YOU, WE ARE ONE. THE SINGULARITY.

AND WITH
OR WITHOUT
YOU...

WE WILL
CEASE TO
EXIST.

DIOS
MIO!

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